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Ada Waston

Kentucky Inst. Feeble

Minded Children

February 27th. 1917.

My dear Dr. Holm: -

I wish to lay before you the case of a pupil in one of our Boarding Schools in Kentucky, who is apparently in need of some institutional supervision that we are unable to give her. The principal of the school writes as follows with reference to this girl:

"We have in the school two homeless girls, daughters of a mountain preacher who is now in the insane asylum. Their mother is dead and none of their relatives will let them come to their homes. The older one is a fine girl, but the younger one has given great trouble ever since she has been in the school. Her violent temper has had an effect upon many of the other pupils and in so small a school it has been impossible to ignore her. She needs to be where she is not so well acquainted and in a larger school or institution. For four years she has been here and has made almost no progress in her studies and is the victim of other eccentricities in addition to her violent fits of temper. Thergirl is fourteen years old, mentally deficient and has a strong tendency to insanity. The girl has not a relative or friend to whom she may be sent. We are keeping the girl for the present because she must not be turned out into the world. She takes Bible and in addition everything in the way of motor education, writing, music, drawing, sewing, cooking, basketry, and so forth and excells in all, but cannot grasp, Arithmetic, geography, or kindred subjects at all. She is unusually capable along all lines of manual work, and is the best cook and waitress we have in the school".

The Board is willing to pay a portion of the

February 27th, 1917.

Dr. S. L. Helm - 2.

expense necessary to keep this girl in an institution, and we should like to know what responsibility the state would assume in this connection. I should appreciate it if you would write me fully on this subject, sending me your terms and also a copy of your catalogue.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention to this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. S. L. Helm,
Kentucky Institution for Feeble Minded Children,
Frankfort, Kentucky.

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Kentucky Institution for Feeble Minded Children

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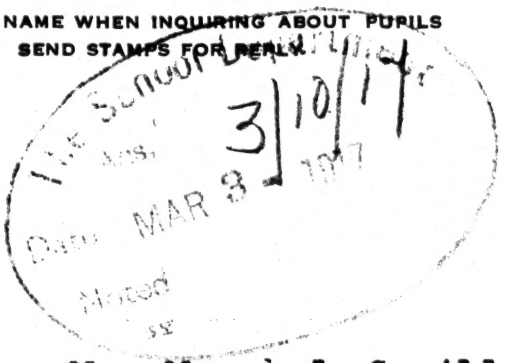
S. L. HELM, M. D., SUPERINTENDENT

GIVE FULL NAME WHEN INQUIRING ABOUT PUPILS
SEND STAMPS FOR REPLY.

B. S. WILLIAMS, STEWARD
THOS. A. HALL, RECEIVER



FRANKFORT, KY., March 1 1917

Mr. Marshal C. Allaben,
New York CCity.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your favor of February 27th in regard to two children, one of whom it seems is in need of some special care.

We accept children between the ages of six and eighteen years who are, white, residents of Kentucky and able to be taught something. Where the child has no means and is a dependent upon charity, the Institution assumes all responsibility, clothing, feeding and otherwise caring for the pupil.

If the child is able to pay, the price for board etc. is $150.00 per year. $75.00 in advance. I infer from your letter that the child in question is without means and therefore suggest that it seems no more than right that the State should care for her and relieve the Church of the burden.

We also pay expenses of delivery here, that is railroad fare one way for the child and both ways for the attendant and any hotel bill.

I suppose you are aware that children committed

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FRANKFORT, KY.,

to this institution must be sent by the Court, the inquest being much the same as in insanity cases except that they are adjudged of feeble-mind.

Hoping that this information is what you desire and that the child will be sent to us, I am,

Yours very truly,

S. L. Helm M.D. Supt.

Kentucky Institution for Feeble Minded Children

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D. E. WILLIAMS, STEWARD
THOS. A. HALL, BOOKKEEPER

March 10, 1917.

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Supt. of Schools.

Dr. S. L. Helm,

Frankfort, Ky.

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Re Ad Watts

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Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

Miscellaneous -

March 6,1917.

M r.M. C .Allaben,

New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr.Allaben:-

I am in receipt of your letter of M arch 3d in reference to Ada Walton. We had known of this Institution for feeble minded children and are even now trying to place a girl who is seriously defective under their care, but we have felt all along that it would be a dreadful blow to a girl as bright as Ada is in many ways to find herself among the class of children that they accept.. Ada's deficiencies are scarcely noticeable except in the class room and in the cases of her violent attacks of temper. She stands a mental test of twelve years.

We know that in New Jersey and some other northern states there are school for morons (those having a mentality from twelve to fifteen) and it was into one of these that we had so earnestly hoped to put her, as she would there get the training suited to s such as she. We fear absolute arrest of mental development in the othe institution.

We do thank you more than we can say for taking up the matter, but may I not wait a little longer in the hope of even yet getting her into V ineland or some similar school? I am keeping the letter of Dr.Helm for future reference, and will be thankful for this opportunity, if a school of the other order does not seem possible.

Again thanking you for your kindness,

Anna Belle Stewart

re Ada Wallace

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March 12th, 1917.

My dear Miss Stewart: -

I am in receipt of your letter of March 6th regarding placing Ada in the institution at Frankfort, and have just recently discussed the matter with Mrs. Bennett by telephone. We both feel that you should make a visit to Frankfort and see just how such cases as Ada's are treated there before reaching a final decision. We find it exceedingly difficult to secure a place in any other state institution for a girl from Kentucky. As you will note in the case of Vineland, the expense is almost prohibitive. I might add that there are waiting lists which run up into the hundreds for our New York State institutions. You will bear in mind that Vineland receives all grades of mental defectives. It is true that they are furnished with facilities for giving exceptionally good care to those of the moron type, and I realize your concern and sympathize with it on this score. However, I would cordially urge that you make a personal visit to Frankfort and look into the matter very carefully yourself, before reaching a final decision. It is of course obvious that something will have to be done with Ada very soon.

As a matter of fact, the morons are the most dangerous of all to be at large in the community, since their defectiveness is not generally recognized.

March 12th, 1917.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart - 2.

Trusting that we may work our a solution of the problem,

and with kind regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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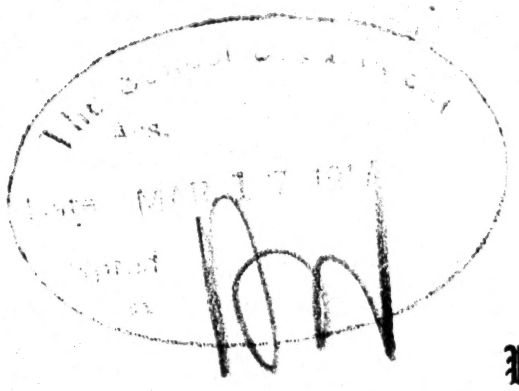

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March 14,1917.

My dear Mr.Allaben:-

Your letters of March 12th are at hand. Acting upon your advice and that of Mrs.Bennett,Iam planning to go to frankfort tomorrow to make full investigation preparatory to placing Ada Walton there if it should seem wise.

Very sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart

THE FEEBLE-MINDED IN KENTUCKY.

By Alexander Johnson.

[Mr. Johnson, who is field secretary of the National Committee for the Feeble-Minded, is an authority on this subject, having been for years superintendent of the Fort Wayne School and in touch with the celebrated Vineland Training School. Under the auspices of the Kentucky Federation and local clubs he has just completed a lecture tour embracing a number of cities. For the benefit of those clubs which were not fortunate enough to hear his informing talks, he contributes at our request this article.—The Editor.]

Kentucky was long among the leading states in her care for the insane, and her Institution for the Feeble-Minded was among the early ones of this country. Under the wise and brilliant administration of Dr. J. Q. A. Stewart, the Kentucky School achieved an enviable reputation.

Unfortunately, adverse circumstances, of which the chief were the so-called Indigent Imbecile Law, and the interference of partisan politics, have sadly dulled the luster that at one time marked the school. The present arrangements for the feeble-minded in Kentucky, although necessitating a large sum of money annually,—very nearly a quarter of a million dollars—are very much behind those of other states.

At present in Kentucky two very important points should be considered. The first is the need of care for the feeble-minded who are now on our hands. This care includes their protection against bad men and women who would exploit them and lead them into evil, their protection against their own weaknesses, which are all too apt to lead them wrong, their careful training in habits of order, cleanliness, obedience, industry, and happiness. It has been demonstrated that, with proper care, training, and control, many of the feeble-minded who otherwise would be found among the vicious, criminal, and diseased, can be kept not only innocent and happy, but can be made to earn their own simple maintenance.

The second and even more important point, which is vital to the prosperity of the state, is that the feeble-minded must be prevented from propagation. Of the present number of defectives, at least two-thirds are the children of defective parents. All of the present feeble-minded who marry, or mate, with others of their kind will have feeble-minded children. The feeble-minded are more than twice as prolific as the normal. At present, especially in Kentucky, there can be no doubt that this class is increasing more rapidly than the normal population. *No methods more certain to encourage the increase of idiots and imbeciles could possibly be devised than the present methods of the State of Kentucky.*

The Remedy.

The proper training should be provided and this should naturally lead up to the *segregation of the idiots, imbeciles and morons* in celibate, industrial communities, where they may be made happy and useful, and where procreation may be absolutely prevented. The schools, the shops, the gardens, and other departments of work should of course be adequate, but the folly and waste of expensive, ornate buildings should be avoided. Simple one-story cottages, which are now being used in the states that are making most progress in dealing with their defectives, are what is needed here.

The division of the defectives, in terms of mental age, into the three classes of idiots, imbeciles, and morons, shows that all the morons, and many of the imbeciles, with proper training, opportunity, and control, can and do earn their self-support and are much better and happier for doing so. The evils that come from the neglect of the feeble-minded, their rapid increase, and their presence in jails, prisons, brothels, poorhouses, orphanages, and hospitals, add to the social burden to a large extent. If feeble-mindedness and what comes of feeble-mindedness could be completely eliminated, the burden of taxation would be lightened 20 per cent.

If the state will promptly segregate and control the present feeble-minded population, the number of such defectives may be reduced by two-thirds in one generation.

Heredity.

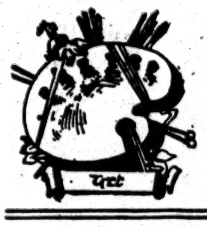
The study of the heredity of feeble-minded families is particularly illuminating. No one who has the facts in hand can long be without a sincere desire to promote the work of reform proposed. He or she must feel that the right care of the mentally defective is not only a matter of humanity and good social order, but a most important economic measure. The appeal to our humane sentiments is a strange one, but the appeal from the side of social economy is still more forcible. It is plain that the protection of the feeble-minded is not only the clear duty of the state, but that no greater economic advantage can be had than will come if this duty is properly done. Every dollar wisely spent on the care of the feebleminded today will save many dollars in the near future.

On the other hand, the enormous amount of money now being spent in Kentucky for this purpose is being largely wasted, and *worse than wasted.* The result of the present method is a steady and inevitable increase of the trouble—an increase so great that it constitutes a grave danger to the state.

PRESIDENT WILSON CONGRATULATES North Dakota.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, has received the following letter from President Wilson:

"My dear Mrs. Catt: May I not express to you and your organization, as well as to the women of North Dakota, my congratulation upon the passage by the legislature of that state of a bill granting to the women of the state the right to vote for presidential electors and for municipal officers? As you know, I have a very real interest in the extension of the suffrage to the women, and I feel that every step in this direction should be applauded. Cordially and sincerely yours,

"(Signed) Woodrow Wilson."



ART

Mrs. Alfred Zembrod, Chairman

MAKING ART DEMOCRATIC.

Back in the work again after having lost almost three months from bad eyes, your Chairman hopes to do enough work for the cause to justify our good president in refusing to accept her resignation. Extreme caution in using the now somewhat restored members will be necessary for months to come.

However, the work for art has lost none of its appeal, since having had to be shut out from it, and the clubs are likewise deeply interested. In fact, interest in art is increasing all over the state. The whole country is taking up the art movement more zealously, more increasingly. Whether it is because of the influx of foreign artists into our country on account of the great European struggle, whether it is because our country, so long grossly materialistic, is beginning to realize that the almighty dollar is not all of life, nor even the best of life, or whether our sudden acquisition of wealth cries to be invested in the things that are more enduring—the joys and delights, and inspirations of life—or whether it is just a hobby or fad; whether it is any one of these things or all of them, there is no doubt that there is a widespread, democratic art movement throughout the whole country. The people love it, and are demanding it, and are working to preserve it and to stimulate the art life of the country more and more. The masses are demanding it, and they should have it, for what is all our work worth unless we give pleasure to the people and educate them?

For we, who work for the Federation, work only for others, not for ourselves. The people of our great commonwealth need us, need our work, need to see and know the best work of our best artists. It is the Federation's privilege, to quote from Otto Kahn, "to be a militant force in the cause and service of art, to be foremost in helping to create and spread that which beautifies and enriches life, and to seek to destroy that which vulgarizes it and lowers it." We realize that art is an actual need, for it has power beyond everything else to stimulate a higher life, and the people are hungry for soul-culture, soul-nourishment. We realize that life need not be sordid and just a grind for bread and meat, if we can also see and know the beautiful in life. There is no mystery about art that we should keep it always in galleries and museums; we should give it out to the people, for thousands of them never have an opportunity to visit a gallery.

What Others Do—Why May Not We?

Our clubs send out galleries—the art commissions of other states Virginia is the latest to acquire an art commission, and Kentucky should not lag behind) send out galleries and work hand in hand with the fair commissioners to have fine art exhibits—exhibits by best artists, at their state fairs.

Michigan now has a dear little art building at her state fair. Indiana has had for years splendid art at her state fair. A Kentucky sculptor now living in Cincinnati, had his plan accepted that brought it about, and he is deeply interested in standardizing our Kentucky exhibit. Minnesota is stirring the whole Northwest to art by the wonderful success she is having at her state fair. A few years ago Mr. Maurice Flagg, state art director, began with an exhibit of native Minnesota artists—they have many of fine repute, Paul Manship, the celebrated sculptor, being among the number—and now they are having exhibits from the Macbeth galleries in New York, and also from Chicago. They are "shooing art mysteries away," as *The Minnesotan* expresses it. This year Dudley Crafts Watson, an artist of national reputation, painted pictures each day for the crowd—the fair crowd—think of that! The people need no longer look at pictures and other art objects in wonderment; they begin to understand the meaning of light and tonality and values, and may talk of art with ease and assurance. It is a wonderful, constructive plan to help both artist and layman. This is a little of the story as told in the state paper, *The Minnesotan.* Would we could soon tell it in our own little Federation *Journal:*

Art for Mr. and Mrs. Commonpeople.

"The Minnesota State Art Commission believes in art for Mr. and Mrs. Commonpeople." When the Commission three years ago agreed to cooperate with the state fair management, which, of course, is largely an agricultural representation, it was not afraid the art propaganda would smell of the farm. The Commission knew that during a single week it could reach more people than it might otherwise reach in ten years, and the cooperation is a successful one. The Art Commission invites a jury of artists and craftsmen from without the state to make the awards. They offer prizes for professionals and for amateurs, and the classes are limited, and in this way the exhibits are standardized. This year there was a special exhibition of commercial art, architectural drawings, art posters, etc., besides the exhibit by Minnesota artists, and many of these artists are in this way brought before the public, for it is often the case that lack of recognition is just lack of opportunity to be seen.

Kentucky's Need.

What we here in Kentucky most need is an art commission. I have emphasized it many times; we must work for it again this year.

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Miscellaneous.

March 18th. ,1917.

My dear Mr.Allaben;-

I returned last evening from Frankfort ,where I made thorough investigations at the F eeble Minded Intsitution. I went in high hope of finding what would suit Ada's need ,but came home much disheartened. In the Institution there are 364 inmates of whom 100 are idiots. All eat in a common dining room and are constantly thrown to-gether. There used to be teachers to instruct those who were capable of learning, either sewing or other manual arts or even literary subjects in a simple way, but since the i institution has fallen behind financially ,these teachers have been removed. Absolutely nothing is taught. It means the end of all progress. Dr.Helm, the Superintendent expressed the hope that instruction might again be introduced when they were out of debt.

From responsible citizens of the town I learned that the inmates have not the moral protection that is so necessary for the mentally defective. F ive helpless little feeble-minded mothers (old inmates of the institution) last year alone testifies to the lack of care along the ~~very~~ lines that are the very reason for segregating these unfortunates.

During my absence the enclosed article came in the Kentucky Woman's J ournal. I fear it is too true. Under these conditions I am sure that there is only one decision for us to reach at present. The next decision as to where to place her that will be safe is less easy.

I shall hope to see either you or M rs. Bennett or both at Knoxville next month.

Very sincerely yours, Anna Belle Stewart

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March 24th, 1917.

My dear Miss Stewart: -

Your letter of March 10th with reference to Ada Walker's case giving the result of your visit to the Frankfort institution has reached the office while Mr. Allaben is in Porto Rico. I have, however, just taken the matter up with Mrs. Bennett and she suggests that nothing further be done about it until she sees you in Knoxville next month, when she will be glad to go into the case with you.

Cordially yours.

Office Secretary.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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July 28, 1917.

My dear Mr. Allaben,

I return letter from Miss McLeod to your office. Miss McLeod had written me to have the supplies ready but not to ship until I had your advice to do so. Fearing that you were not yet back in New York. I took the liberty of shipping them the day before we closed the building, promising to be responsible for freight both ways in case you did not wish us to make the transfer. It was for vacation work that they were needed. I'm glad if no harm was done by my haste.

Your letter concerning Ada Walton's prospects came yesterday. As to the financial side. I doubt if it is possible at all to give Ada the larger share. Cecilia feels that her education is the most vital matter just now until she is ready for self-support, and has expressed a fear that Ben $1,00 will not be sufficient. Ada's claims are quite as pressing. Perhaps the even division is the most just.

Prof. Johnston of Vineland said that he was

unable to make a better rate than $400 per annum. (A limited number may be received for that sum.) I stopped over a couple of hours in Philadelphia to see Mr. Byers, (American Commission for Feble-minded children). Unfortunately he had not yet returned from a western trip, but his secretary was most attentive, taking full notes and promising information very soon. There are other private institutions, & one in Kentucky, - which I am investigating. Have written two leading Club women in Kentucky and eagerly await results. Have not yet heard from Miss Humphill or Miss McLeod.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Steward.

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July 31st, 1917.

My dear Miss Stewart:-

This is just a line in response to your letter of the 28th to say that I am glad you have acted as reported in the matter of the kindergarten supplies.

I am greatly interested in your report on Ada Walton's prospects. If you can get her into Vineland for $400.- add the allowance of the $150.- a year you have mentioned can be secured, do not hesitate to send her there without delay and we will guarantee the balance. If it cannot be raised from the Kentucky women I feel sure that we can get it elsewhere. I would not delay any longer in the matter. I think however, we should insist that her sister divide the allowance from the Presbyterian Sustentation Fund. As a matter of fact if she should be unwilling to do it we undoubtedly could arrange to have it done through the Presbytery. She must feel a deeper sense of her own responsibility for her sister's welfare.

I am surprised not to have heard from Miss Lamar yet and am writing her again today.

Cordially yours,

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Superintendent of Schools.

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The School Department
Ans. 8-14-17
Date AUG 7 - 1917
Noted
By Anna Belle Stewart

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Principal

New Castle, Pa. Aug 6, 1917.

My dear Mr. Allaben:-

I am in receipt of your two letters of July 31st. that came via Mt. Vernon. In regard to Ada Walton: I am in correspondence with a private institution that I have just learned about in Kentucky, and Mr. Byers (of the National Committee for Feeble Minded) is investigating a Home in Pennsylvania. If we should find the expense materially less in either of these and the training satisfactory, would you advise sending her or do you consider Vineland the wisest choice? I was rejoiced over your promise of help on expense. The $150.00 will be forth coming. Miss McLeod has kindly offered to help in presenting the matter to the Woman's Clubs of Kentucky. She is better known than I am.

Miss Lamar's failure to accept the position was a disappointment, of course, but it has been my constant prayer that you would be guided to the right worker, and I feel

assured that you will be. I shall eagerly await news of any appointment that you may make.

Please address New Castle, Pa. for three weeks.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart.

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August 14th, 1917.

My dear Miss Stewart:-

This is just a line in answer to your letter of August 6th to say that if you have any choice in the matter by all means we should select Vineland as that is the best school in the country. With the $150.- that you have available I think we ought to be able to finance the rest.

Very cordially yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
New Castle, Pa.

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The School Department
Date SEP 27 1917

Anna Belle Stewart, Principal

Miscellaneous

September 24,'17

My dear Mr. Allaben:-

Enclosed please find copy of letter to Mr. Billard as per your request. We have finally gotten in communication with each other and hope for better things.

A troublesome question has arisen in regard to tuition- I know ,of course, the general policy of returning no tuition but two rather exceptional cases have arisen. One girl, sent by Miss Louden, of Courtland, and for whom I believe Miss Louden,herself paid the $25.00 entrance fee) has never once entered the school room- has been in bed the entire two weeks and will go home as soon as ablw to travel. In the meantime the tuition has gone to the Board. What can we do about it? Another succumbed to homesickness so early that the music lessons for which she had paid were not given to her. Could this sum be refunded and if so how would we manage it? This has also been enter on our books and gone to the Board.

This needs immediate attention and may I ask that you give it an early consideration?

Ada Walton has at last been accepted at Vineland. The Obligation Blank is here ,but as we have nothing definite in the way of subscriptions thus far,I feel afraid to sign up the blank. I wrote t the enclosed letter which Miss M cC ord is sending out to the Woman's Club women of her acquaintance. There have been no responses so far,so we have only A da's$150.00 (less perhaps a part of her traveling expenses) and $25..00 which I shall be glad to add to it. Your letter of Jul

31st. advises sending Ada as soon as possible, and suggests that the Board will assume the responsibility of raising the balance. I feel that we can do a little more here in Kentucky, but have not yet succeeded. I am s sending the blank to you. In the meantime I have written Mr. Johnstone, of Vineland that we hope to send her soon.

We are hoping that your promised visit will be while our Kentucky Mountains are still beautiful.

Very sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart

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In re Ada Wallis's acceptance
of Vineland, N.J.

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THE TRAINING SCHOOL AT VINELAND NEW JERSEY

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THOSE WHOSE MINDS HAVE NOT DEVELOPED NORMALLY

E. R. JOHNSTONE, SUPERINTENDENT

HON. PHILIP P. BAKER, PRESIDENT
W. GRAHAM TYLER, VICE PRESIDENT
HARRY G. WALLS, TREASURER

VISITING DAY, WEDNESDAY
ADDRESS ALL MAIL TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

September 18, 1917.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,

Langdon Memorial School,

Mount Vernon, Ky.

My dear Miss Stewart:

I have your letter and the application blanks for Ada Walton. It will be all right for you to bring her any Wednesday now and we will do the very best we can for her.

I am enclosing form of obligation and physician's blank, which should be brought with her when she comes. We shall also be glad to have a list of all clothing and other belongings sent with her.

Very truly yours,

E R Johnstone

J/T

THE TRAINING SCHOOL AT VINELAND NEW JERSEY
Office of Superintendent

Please give your street and number every time you write us

September 20, 1917.

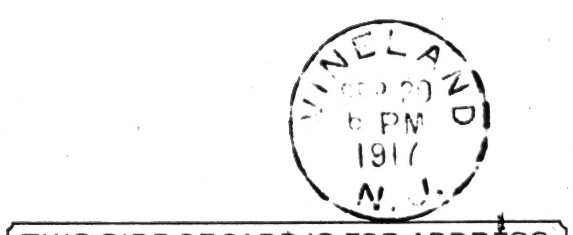
My dear Miss Stewart:

I regret that in sending you the letter of the 18th inst. I forgot to add the following postscript:-

Please complete the obligation blank by inserting in the first blank space either "monthly" or "quarterly." In case you prefer to pay monthly the rate will be $33.33; if quarterly, $100.00. Either way will be satisfactory to us.

Yours respectfully, E. R. JOHNSTONE, Superintendent

E.S. Timberg Clerk.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,

Langdon Memorial School,

Mount Vernon, Ky.

Date October 8th, 1917.

Station Langdon Memorial School

Party Ada Franklin Walton

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In re

The School Committee recommends that the Treasurer be authorized to sign the obligation blank for the admission of Ada Franklin Walton of Langdon Memorial School, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, to the training School at Vineland, New Jersey, with the understanding that every effort will be made to secure the amount of $250.,required for her support, as a"Special" and with the further understanding that steps will be taken to transfer this obligation to some proper organization in the state of Kentucky at the earliest possible date.

Approved by Woman's Board

Date October 9 1917

Mabel M. Sibley - Assistant Secretary

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Approved .....
Clerk of the Board

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October 2nd, 1917.

My dear Miss Stewart:-

This is ust a line to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 24th. I am asking the Treasurer to send you instructions regarding the refund of the tuitionn money which you have already sent in.

At our next board meeting on October 9th I shall take up the matter of funds to meet the expenses of Ada Walton. At this time I will get authority to sign this blank. You may expect to hear from me shortly.

Very cordially yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Anna B. Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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Oct. 15th, 1917.

Superintendent E. R. Johnstone,
The Training School,
Vineland, N. J.

Dear Sir:-

Our Miss Stewart, principal of the Langdon Memorial School, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky has sent to us for consideration your letter of September 18th relative to the admission of Ada Walton, and your postal card of September 20th relative to the obligation blank.

Owing to my absence from the office it has taken some time for us to get the necessary authority from the board for the signature of our Treasurer to the obligation blank. I take pleasure in enclosing the same herewith and we are sending a copy of this letter to Miss Stewart so that she may arrange at once for Ada's admission.

Assuring you of our appreciation of the opportunity thus afforded to one of our girls, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

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Enc.-

re Ada Walton

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October 16th, 1917.

My dear Miss Stewart:-

The copy of a letter which I sent you yesterday addressed to Vineland was self explanatory. I should however, explain that the committee with considerable reluctance adopted my recommendation. It was not that they were not in fullest sympathy with you in the situation but they hesitated to have the Board assume this obligation. I think I pointed out to them clearly, however, that they had no option but to assume the obligation that grew out of their own guardianship. I would suggest that you see what can be done towards securing the $150.- which is Ada's share of the grant and send that to this office, together with all such other sums as may be raised from time to time for Ada's support.

The action taken by the Board reads as follows:

"It is voted that the Treasurer be authorized to sign the obligation blank, for the admission of Ada Franklin Walton of Langdon Memorial School, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, to the training school at Vineland, New Jersey, with the understanding that every effort will be made to secure the amount of $250.- required for her support, as a "Special" and with the further understanding that steps will be taken to transfer this obligation to some proper organization in the State of Kentucky at the earliest possible date".

It was a very definite conviction in the minds of the committee that we ought to transfer this obligation as soon as possible to some suitable agency in Kentucky and I know that

you will keep this in mind and I trust that Miss McCord will also.

There must be some expenses due you for travel in connection with Ada's case and I feel that you ought to send all those in. Under no circumstances do I feel that you yourself should be held responsible for any of the financial arrangements. For instance, there was that trip to Pittsburgh, and there have been numerous trips this summer and last year, all these I feel are chargeable to the Board and should be met by some special contribution.

I assume that it will be necessary for you to send Ada with someone else when she goes to Vineland. If there is any way that we can be of assistance, do not hesitate to call upon us. In case you come north, perhaps it would be well for you to come on to the office for conference. I do not know just when I will be able to get to Langdon and if there are certain matters of business it would be well to take them up at that time. However, if there is nothing pressing I know that you will get back as soon as possible.

Assuring you of the pleasure it has given me to

October 16th, 1917.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart - 3.

cooperate with you in this connection, believe me, with warmest regards and best wishes for a most successful year.

Very faithfully yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

MISCELLANEOUS

October 17, 1917.

My. dear Mr. Allaben:-

I was glad to receive this morning a copy of your letter to Mr. Johnstone of Vineland regarding Ada, and have written to Mrs. George Watson to send her to us next week so that she may be able to enter the training school Wednesday, October 31 st. We are arranging to have her met and transferred in Cincinnati, Pittsburg and Philadelphia hence could not enter her next Wednesday. We so much appreciate your help in this matter. ($21.13 has already been received from the Woman's Clubs of the eighth District.- $5.00 from Miss McCord- this with her $150.00 and my $25.00 gives us over $200.00 in sight with more promised from the Louisville Federation, a number of whose ladies I met and talked with at Synodiaal Meeting. All of this will not be available at once.)

I was sorry to haar indifectly of your illness and trust that you have fully recovered.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart-

(We are this week preparing for S. S. Rally Day. Twenty five girls are denying themselves their noontime meal as an offering. We are counting on a lot of nickels by the end of the five days.)

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Ada

Anna Belle Stewart, Principal

October 18th.1917.

My dear Mr.Allaben:-

Your letter of the 16th,relative to the placing of Ada in the Vineland Training School has come this hour.In the meantime you have received my letter of yesterday. We appreciate more than I can say your unusual interest and your hearty cooperation, as well as the liberal help you have given in a material way. Without this,I fear it would have been a lost cause. It will not be necessary to take Ada to Vineland,as I have already written to friends in Cincinnati,Pittsburgh, and Philadelphia to meet her train and transfer her to the next stage of the journey.This may interest some new people in her.I hope that the Philadelphia people will take her on to V ineland as there is a change of cars or else a River transfer. Frankly I should be glad of the necessity of going with her, and of combining with that necessity, another conference with you.

As to the expenses,-Ada's trip to Pittsburgh was paid for out of her own money(that is out o f the sum received for her from the Board of Ministerial Relief)I took her home with me for a visit and sent her back alone, except as friends met her at various points by the way. My own traveling expenses were just a small contribution to a cause that appeals strongly appeals to me. I could not have it otherwise,though I appreciate to the full your kind consideration.

We have about $50.00 of Ada's now in,At least $20.00 of this will be required to get her to New Jersey,and a small amount will need to be used for clothes.I can send about $25.00 together with the $51.13 collected for her,and as the quarterly payments come in they will be sent on

to the Board. A lso we feel reasonably sure of help from the Louisville district of Waman's Clubs. Kentucky people ought to be supporting this cause and we will continually bear this in mind. I very much regret not having made an effort to see Mr.Tachau,of Louisville,when I passed through the city a week ago on the way to the Synodical Meeting.

Thanking you for your kind wishes for us,and assuring you that Langdon's family,both teachers and students, are looking forward with great pleasure to your promised visit this year.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Belle Stewart-

October 22nd, 1917.

My dear Miss Stewart:-

I am glad to have your letter of October 17th telling of your arrangements to enter Ada at the Vineland School and sincerely hope that all will prove well with this arrangement.

We are much interested to note the sacrifice the girls are making for their Sunday School offering. I don't know how many of them here in the city would be willing to do the same.

Most cordially yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

A-P

re Ada Walker

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October 24th, 1917.

My dear Miss Stewart:-

I acknowledge herewith receipt of your letter of October 19th with check enclosed for $75.- which I have passed on to the Treasurer's office. Let me suggest hereafter that you make these remittances to Miss Voss direct as I might be out of the office and delay might be therefore occasioned on account of the necessity for my signature.

Very cordially yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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The School Department
Ans.
Date NOV 7 - 1917
Noted

Anna Belle Stewart

Principal

November 5,1917.

My dear Mr. Allaben:-

I am enclosing to you a letter from Mr. Johnstone announcing Ada Walton's safe arrival at Vineland. The bill which he enclosed was sent immediately to Miss Voss .

Very truly yours,

Anna Belle Stewart

THE TRAINING SCHOOL AT VINELAND NEW JERSEY

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HON. PHILIP P. BAKER, PRESIDENT
W. GRAHAM TYLER, VICE PRESIDENT
HARRY G. WALLS, TREASURER

VISITING DAY, WEDNESDAY
ADDRESS ALL MAIL TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

E. R. JOHNSTONE, SUPERINTENDENT

Received School Department
Date NOV 7 - 1917
Noted

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November 1, 1917

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,

Langdon Memorial School,

Mt. Vernon, Kentucky

My dear Miss Stewart:

Ada reached Vineland safely yesterday at four o'clock. We met her at the train.

We have no stated times for writing, therefore when you wish to hear from Ada kindly inquire and we will try to reply promptly, although having so many to write for we cannot answer too frequent inquiries. In case of any illness or accident, we will notify you at once.

Enclosed find bill for the first quarter.

Very truly yours,

L

E. R. Johnstone

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Treasury Dept., W. B.
Ans.
NOV 23 1917
Noted
By

November 21, 1917

Miss Edna R. Voss,

Treas., Woman's Board of Home Missions,

Presbyterian Church, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York

My dear Miss Voss:

Please accept our thanks for the check for one hundred dollars on Ada Walton's account.

We shall be glad to send you reports on Ada a little later. She has hardly been here long enough as yet for our laboratory to make a complete examination, or for reports from our other departments to be of value. She seems to be adjusting herself nicely to her surroundings and has been a good girl so far.

Very truly yours,

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E. R. Johnstone

(Miss Anna Belle Stewart, 1917
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Investigated Feeble Minded Institution of Kentucky at Frankfort and found it entirely unsuited to Ada's case 364 inmates 100 of whom are idiots - all eat in common dining room - absolutely nothing taught - institution too poor fiscally to engage teachers

Ada a moron

Dreadful blow to girl as bright as Ada to be placed among idiots

Her deficiencies are scarcely noticeable except in the classroom and in the cases

Other violent attacks of temper. She stands a mental list of 12 years —

14 years old - unusually capable along all lines of manual work but cannot grasp Arith geog. or kindred subjects

Best cook and waitress in school.)

Receive $150 a year - State fund —

$75 — special gifts

Need - 250 more for expenses at Vineland

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February 28, 1918.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

#156 Fifth Avenue,

New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Your letter raises a question that has been in all of our minds many times since Ada went to Vineland. In fact, I almost hesitated to let her go at the last moment, but one year of such training seemed so much better than nothing that I was willing to take it and trust for the years to come. Dr. Cheek recommends that a larger portion of their allowance from the Board of Ministerial Relief be devoted to Ada from this time on. Her sister seems to be perfectly normal mentally, and is now making good in the freshmen year of the University of Pittsburgh, earning her board, car fare, and pin money by caring for two little girls in a private family, whose influence is very good. I am hoping that after Dr. Johnstone has tested Ada out for a year he will find her useful in some capacity in the institution, and that she can be partially, if not wholly, self supporting. He discouraged me in such hope last summer, but I intend to try again if it is

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possible for me to go to Vineland this summer. Perhaps by a united effort we can convince him that this is possible. I wish that you might be able to go and add your plea.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

Anna Belle Stewart

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VISITING DAY, WEDNESDAY
ADDRESS ALL MAIL TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

August 31, 1918

Mrs.F.S.Bennett,

149 Dwight Place,

Englewood, New Jersey

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of The Training School on Wednesday, the question of life provision for Ada Walton was fully discussed and it was agreed that if the matter was taken up before the close of this calendar year life provision for Ada might be made for the sum of $5000.00.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

E. R. Johnstone

J/L

September 17, 1918.

Dr. E. R. Johnstone,
Training School,
Vineland, N.J.

My dear Dr. Johnstone,

Your letter of August 31 relative to life provision for Aida Walton is at hand. I am writing simply to express at this time my appreciation of the act of the Board of Directors in the School in making the sum that would be required $5000. The matter is being taken up and you will hear from us later relative to this.

Believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

President.

MKB-H.

September 20, 1918.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mount Vernon, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Stewart,

It is a long time since you have heard from me relative to the question of going to Vineland to see Aida. Good many things came up and I was not able to go as at early a date as I had hoped but last month I did succeed in getting there though this is the first opportunity I have had to write you concerning my visit. Unfortunately, Aida had been promised a special outing for the day that I went and therefore I did not see her as long as I should have liked to. She did not remember me though she remembered my being at the school but did not know that I was the one that had been there --- of course, it is true that she did not see very much of me when I was at Mount Vernon. She looked very pretty and attractive. I do not know whether it is my imagination that her eyes seemed a little more strained or vacant than when I had seen her. I think she is not happy but did not enter into that in detail as it seemed unwise at that particular time. However, she said she hoped she was going to be able to leave very soon. I talked with Dr. Johnstone, the Superintendent, and with Mrs. Nash, the principal, and the both feel that Aida should remain in the school or in a similar school for the remainder of her life. If that is to be done, I would say that the only thing would be to have a life endowment raised, if possible by the women of the State of Kentucky, and have the adjustment settled now as otherwise it will be lost sight of as time goes on. Mr. Allaben tells me that you are coming to New York shortly and I feel that it is most desirable that you should see Aida, possibly staying a day or two at the School, as I would like your opinion in regard to her after a year at the school. You have known her so well that you can judge better than can we and at the same time when you are here we want to talk up with you the question of an endowment fund. Mr. Allaben has suggested the possibility of placing Aida at Tullahoma, Tenn., which is the new home for defective girls where we have placed a large number from Huntsville. The question of Aida will have to rest now, I think, until you come to New York.

I am writing not only on that matter but also to enclose to you a check for $20. for Marion Kincaid, in payment for her quilt which was sold at the Board meeting last week.

With every good wish and anticipation of seeing you before long, believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

MKB-LH.
Enclosure.

Johnstone
Vineland

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Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

Sept. 23, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Your letter came this morning, also one from Mr. Allaben on the same subject. I have written him about an appointment for a conference. It will depend upon when our faculty is complete. I can scarcely leave while I am so busy in the class-room. We have been somewhat disturbed by Ada's protests against staying at Vineland. It will be a great relief to see her and make further investigation. The report of her mental examination at midyear was not encouraging. I shall be so glad of the opportunity of talking things over with you.

Marian was overjoyed over her check. She will write to you. We all

appreciate this help for her.

Yours sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart.

December 18, 1918.

Dr. E. R. Johnstone,
Training School,
Vineland, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Johnstone,

I regret extremely the delay in writing you relative to the securing of a sum of $5000. to make life provision for Ada Walton at the Training School. Owing to the great amount of sickness this fall it has seemed to be out of the question to take up any definite plans along this line and as other questions have come up to complicate this matter, it has seemed impossible for us to reach a definite decision. We have, therefore, determined to leave Ada with you, if we may, for this year on the basis of monthly payments. If later it is possible to take it up on the basis of a permanent fund I will write you.

With much appreciation of your cooperation with us in regard to this girl, believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

MKB/LH

President.

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Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

Dec. 17, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

I should like to take my pen and write you a proper letter, but time presses. I found chicken pox the latest excitement upon my return home, and it took quick work to isolate the victims and send home the others in order to escape another epidemic such as we had lived through in October and November. You can easily believe me that there has been no time even to unpack my suit case.

It was a rare privilege to be with you for even a few hours, and may I say, too, that the glimpse into the big world was not without its charms?

I hope that you and Mr. Allaben have had time for a satisfactory conference about Ada. I was no little troubled by many conditions, though on the whole, the outlook was not as dark as I had feared. I have written my sister to send Mr Allaben any information she may have concerning Letchfield Village in New York, but I still feel that with all its faults, Vineland is the best that the country affords. I am writing to Mrs. Foote and trying to deepen her interest in Ada. It disturbs me to see that according to this last mental test, Ada has fallen nearly half a year, and that the difference is largely due to the loss of her vocabulary. But how could it be otherwise in such surroundings? I am sure you will be guided to a right decision concerning her future. I pray that we may be kept from mistakes in the matter.

I hope that we may have the pleasure of having you at Langdon again.

It would be a great pleasure to the girls. We have never had as earnest, ambitious students as this year. It is a joy to be with them. I find myself homesick for them even after a week's absence.

Very sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart

January 13, 1919.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

My dear Miss Stewart,

I have absolutely had no time to answer your letter of December 17th before this date but I do want you to know that Mr. Allaben and I talked over the matter of Ada and decided that it was best to let Mr. Johnstone know that we did not see our way clear to accepting the offer of the trustees of the Training School as to a life endowment for her but that we would, for the present, continue on the old basis if agreeable to them. This leaves the whole thing an open question and when something better can be decided or we are all of us a little more clear, we can take up the matter again. I think the contact which you have formed with Mrs. Foote is perhaps as helpful as anything that could be done. There seems no better place to have Ada than at Vineland and if she must be there, it will be helpful if those who surround her may be stimulated to a helpful attitude toward her. As I said when I saw you, my only fear is that if a few of us should be removed from the work, Ada's case may be lost sight of and I want it definitely settled if possible before that possibility comes.

It was a great relief to know that in spite of the fact that you had found chicken pox when you reached home, you yourself were not ill. I greatly feared that the exposure of the trip to Atlantic City on that very stormy day might have brought illness to you.

I trust that things are moving along quietly at last at Langdon and that there may be no more epidemics during this year. January is our particularly busy month in New York and the days are hectic.

With every good wish

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH.

Dictated but
not read.

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Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

Feb.20th,1919.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:-

At Mr.Allaben's request,I wrote to Dr.Groszman,of Plainfield, New Jerseyfor information concerning their school for defective children. The enclosed letter is the response.Careful investigation would nave to be made as to the character of the people,but if that was satisfactory, it seems to me to be a rare opportunity for Ada. She so dearly loves the freedom of a home and takes such rare pride in having things nice,that it ought to appeal to her mightily. Her chief complaint of Vineland has been the terrible feeling of finding herself with all these hopelessly idiotic and defective children.

Fearing that Mr.Allaben is away from the office now,I am writing only to you, instead of to you both. Could you make the investigations if it appeals to you? It may be the saving of what reason the child has to get her away from her present surroundings. She was at Vineland for the good of the race rather than for her own profit. You observed, of course, that she had retrograded. Her last test placed her mentality below what it was when she entered the Institution.

I expect to attend the Conference in NewYork in Aplil,and coud do something at that time if it has not been arranged before then. I hope that her full year at Vineland has not been paid for,and that it will be possible to place her more satisfactorily.

Yours very sincerely,
Anna Belle Stewart

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Anna Belle Stewart, Principal

Feb. 20th, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Groszman:-

Your letter of Feb. 18th has just this hour been received, and we are thankful for the information that you give us. It appeals to me as the most beautiful opportunity that could come to our Ada. She is a fine looking girl, with perfect motor co-ordination, and no outward indication of her mental defects. While she was with us we found her a very useful, helpful, girl. She is a good cook and a very unusual waitress. In fact she does well everything that she does with her hands. Her year in an Institution would tend to make her doubly appreciative of a home.

To-day I am writing to the President of our Woman's Board, sending her your letter, and asking her to take up the matter. I trust that it may be possible to accept your offer. Early in April I expect to go to New York, and would be glad of a conference with you then.

Thanking you for your letter and hoping that we may see the way clear to put Ada under your personal care,

Very sincerely yours,

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36 Myrtle Avenue,
Plainfield, N.J.

Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart, Prin.

My dear Miss Stewart,

Dr. Grozzmann has referred to me your letter of February fourth, in regard to a girl in whom you are interested.

We no longer conduct the "Grozzmann School", Dr. Grozzmann and I feeling that after so many years of untiring charity work such as ours, we have earned the right to give our efforts in broader, more far-reaching ways. However, our interest in exceptional children individually still exists and we are glad when we can help one along the way.

I am at present using our estate, "Watching Crest", as a rest home. If the girl you speak of has some abilities of usefulness, I would be willing to take her under my personal care. She should keep her $150.00 a year to clothe and care for herself; I would give her simple duties for in my opinion she is too young for heavy responsibilities, and pay her a modest salary. As her efficiency grows, she would, of course, receive more. She would not, of course, be a menial but rather one of my own household. If my idea appeals to you let us hear from you, and we can perhaps be of help to each other and to the girl.

Dr. Grozzmann will be glad to assist by helping in the study of the case, and suggesting ways of impriving the girl's mentality.

I would have written sooner, but I have just returned from Atlantic City.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed): Mary E. Grozzmann.

February 27, 1919.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

My dear Miss Stewart,

Your letter enclosing one from Mrs. Grozzmann is at hand. I am just leaving for the Southwest for a three weeks' trip but meanwhile will have this matter looked into so that a report will be ready upon my return as to these people and when you come up in April we shall, I hope, be able to go into this matter very fully. It sounds like a very helpful solution of Ada's problem and I remain, with all hope that it may be carried out,

Faithfully yours,

EFB/LH
Encl.

Dictated but
not read.

319 East Sixth Street
Plainfield, N.J.

March 31, 1917

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

Jo brought me your note in relation to Dr. Grissman, and I have been making some enquiries about him.

My personal feeling has always been one of prejudice towards the school, and I find that this is common. I have learned that girls nurse feels that it would be a serious mistake to take a child from Vineland where everything is open to inspection and to place her where there would be a chance of her being ill-treated.

Dr. G's theories are good, they say, but he has failed to hold the interest of people who were interested in his plans when he came here.

I hope this will be of help to you—

Very sincerely yours
(Mrs. E.W.) Grace Vetue Williams

who have planned to go there to teach have been strongly advised against it by those in school work here. The school was changed into a sanatorium a year or so ago, but it was not believed that the number of nurses and patients warranted this use of the building. Consequently it was one of the places held under suspicion and watched as being under enemy control.

A few years ago we had trouble about an abnormal girl in our S.S. There was difficulty in placing her until she could be taken to an institution. Mrs. G- offered to take her into her home, but the secretary of the Charity O.S. refused to send the girl there. I have asked one of the workers under the C.O.S. why that was, and she says that many charges of cruelty to fem children were made against the Grossmans. This

February 27, 1919.

Miss M. J. Petrie,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Miss Petrie,

I would be very grateful if Grace could give me a written report on Dr. and Mrs. Grozzmann and the advisability of placing children in their care, so that I could have this upon my return from the Southwest.

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LEH

April 3, 1919.

Mrs. L. W. Williams,
319 East Sixth Street,
Plainfield, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Williams,

I am most grateful to you for your letter concerning the work being done by Dr. Grozzmann. I myself am always most suspicious of these private institutions and as you suggested in your letter very much prefer a large public institution which can be investigated and which is under constant supervision by many visitors. Of course we all recognize that Vineland is the very highest type of institution of its kind.

In the particular case that we have in mind the girl is a very high type moron and fully recognizes why she is in the School. We feel that she is so capable in many lines, is such a good house maid and is so strong and so willing to work that it seems as though it would be splendid to get her in a place where she can be utilized in service and yet could be under supervision. Meeting her casually you would have no idea that she was in any way deficient — it is only that she is not safe outside of some home where she is carefully protected from her own inclinations. To me it is a more tragic case than that of anyone who is more feeble minded — the latter would not realize things and therefore the situation would not be so painful. Miss Stewart, who has had charge of the girl for some years, is coming to New York next week and we shall probably at that time try and reach a further decision. If you know of anything to be done with such cases as we have in mind, I shall be most grateful for any suggestions and I remain, now and always,

Faithfully yours,

President.

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Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

April 4, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I am wondering if you have been able to make any investigations in the interest of Ada Walton. Her letters are pathetic. I am enclosing her last one. I told her that I hoped to be East this month and to see her. It would be a glad day if she could get into a home.

I am hoping to see you when in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart

April 30, 1919.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Stewart,

I had certainly thought that when you came to New York we should have ample opportunity to talk together about the best thing to do for Ada and yet I do not know whether talk will help us. I have not forgotten her at any time and whenever there has been an opportunity to talk with anyone who might be able to give a suggestion, I have brought this matter up but with one accord everyone says that Vineland is so much the best place of any that they would advise leaving her there. All the experts, of course, call attention to the fact that if she goes to a private home the experiment may not be successful or the people may tire of her and then it may be difficult to get her back into Vineland. On the other hand, it is certain that she is very high grade to be in a place of that type. You may have gotten further light on the matter while you were at Vineland this trip and if so Ishould be very glad to know what your decision has been.

If Ada is to remain at Vineland it is certain that we must have some definite final arrangement about this for it is a question as to whether the Board is justified in continuing this payment which was begun as a more or less temporary matter. I still feel that there should in some way be an endowment fund provided through the women of Kentudky which would insure her permanent retention if this be the best thing for her. When I think of her concretely, it seems to me most cruel to have her in the school; when I think of the matter abstractly, I realize that the safety of society can be secured only as such girls are under restraint. It remains true, of course, that there are many thousands of them at liberty and only a very limited number in schools.

I have tried my best to think of any place where we could feel that Ada would be perfectly safe but even in our most isolated Fields there would be a danger and I do not believe we could ask any worker who is busy about her manifold duties to undertake the specific responsibility for an individual. I am distressed to have no suggestion to make but I do not see what there is that we can do.

As I said to you all when I saw you, it was a great disappointment to me that I was not able to have more visits

Miss Anna Belle Stewart. April 30, 1919.

with all of you when you were in New York but what with the New Era and the Inter-Church World Movement I was distracted with meetings and unexpected ones came that week. It was a case of balancing one responsibility against the other and it did seem that I must go to the Committee meetings because of the fact that interests which concerned the Woman's Board would be under consideration.

With every good wish, believe me that I am,

Faithfully yours,

President.

MKB/H

Dictated but
not read.

Langdon Memorial School
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
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Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

May 6, 1919.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City:-

Your letter concerning Ada is at hand and the contents noted. I surely thought that we would have more time to consider her while I was in New York, but the days were so full.

Ada is more pathetic than ever and is less satisfied yet since none of us seem to be able to find any thing else for her it seems that she must remain there. Mr. Johnstone is quite willing that Ada have a vacation this summer for a month or more if suitable place can be found where some one will bve willing to accept the responsibility of caring for her. If such a place can be found I am very anxious for her to have the change. Mr. Johnstone has already left for a six months stay in France and has left the establishment in charge of Mr. & Mrs. Nash. This will not add to the happiness of the poor child, though Ada seems to like Mrs. Nash!

The women of Kentucky have not responded very well to the appeals that have been made, largely by Miss Mc Cord as she is closely associated with the Womens' Clubs. The entire contributions in the state aside from Miss Mc Cord'ds and mine have amounted to only twenty one dollars.

Thanking you very much for your letter and for your kind interest and assuring you that I shall do all I can to get a place for Ada to spend a month this summer, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart

May 14, 1919.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky.

My dear Miss Stewart,

Your letter of May 6th is at hand. I am more sorry than I can tell you as to Ada. I have not failed to keep this matter in mind and have inquired in all directions for any arrangement that might be made for her. The situation seems to be that we might be able to remove her temporarily but that she might, in that case, be thrown back on our hands at any time - she would then have no means of support and have no place of shelter and the only safe thing seems to be to keep her at Vineland. I am just leaving today for General Assembly but if, when I return in a couple of weeks, you have not succeeded in finding any place for Ada for a month, let me know and I will see what I can do in some of the communities not too far away.

With every cordial good wish, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

President.

MKB/H

THE TRAINING SCHOOL AT VINELAND NEW JERSEY

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Treasury Dept., W.
Ans.
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Noted
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January 9, 1918

Miss Edna R. Voss, Treas.,
Woman's Board of Home Missions, Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City

My dear Miss Voss:

I am sending herewith reports from our laboratory and school department on Ada Walton in response to your request of some weeks ago. I trust these will give you the information you desire regarding Ada.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Very truly yours,

L

E. R. Johnstone

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Laboratory report on Ada Walton. Examination made Nov. 6, 1917

Ada is a fourteen year old girl, large for her age. She is quiet but pleasant and eager to please. She realized that she was being tested and that made her a little nervous.

By the Goddard revision of the Binet Scale, Ada tested 11 2/5 years. By the Stanford revision she tests 11.0 years. In the Goddard revision she passed everything in years IX, X, and XI, making XI her basal year; but she failed XII-2, definitions of abstract words; XII-3, repeating 23 syllables; and XII-4, resisting suggestion. In the Stanford revision she passed everything through year X, but failed to pass XII-I, vocabulary 40 words; XII-2, abstract words; XII-3, ball and field; XII-7, inperpretation of pictures. With a life age of 14.8 and a mental age of 11.4 (Goddard) Ada is 3.4 years retarded. Her intelligence quotient is 77, which is indicative of border-line deficiency, sometimes classified as dullness, often as feeble-mindedness.

Form-Board. Her best speed on the form board was 14", which is average for defectives of 11 year mentality. She made some improvement and her coordination was good.

Anthropometry. Ada's physical measurements are average for a girl of 18, her psycho-physical measurements are average for a girl of 19. All are above the 70 percentile. The upward slope (83/94) of the Smedley curve would indicate that the child is very nearly normal.

Prognosis. With a life age of 14.8 and a mental age of 11.4, it seems probable that Ada is definitely feeble-minded, though of high grade. Little is known of her family history except that her father, who was a minister, is insane. The mother is dead. The fact that the father is insane suggests the possibility of a neuropathic condition as the cause of Ada's defect. As she is only fourteen, further school training seems advisable. She should prove trainable and a good worker.

Report from School Department - Dec. 31, 1917

Ada is doing well in school and is fitting into institution life very nicely indeed. She had quite an important part in the Christmas Play, taking part in two of the asthetic dances. This she did exceptionally well. She also assisted with the making and pressing of the costumes and was helpful wherever needed.

Before we started work on the Play she was getting along well in all of the school classes. She shows a desire to improve in all of the work and attends with almost normal interest to all of the instruction given by the teachers. Thus far she has attended school both morning and afternoon. When we re-open school again I am thinking of putting several of the girls on a house schedule a part of the day and by the week. Ada will be one of these girls, and I am expecting her reports from such work will be just as pleasing and promising as they have been in school.

Principal of School Department.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL AT VINELAND NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH

Report on	Walton, Ada	Mental Age	11^2 =
Born	1/?/03	Examined	11/6/17
Admitted	10/31/17	By	E.C.Foote.

BINET EXAMINATION

Points failed XII-2-3-4

FORM-BOARD TEST

R. Hand 18" L. Hand 15" Both Hands 14" R. Hand 15"

Performance Best speed average for defectives of 11 year mentality.

MEASUREMENTS

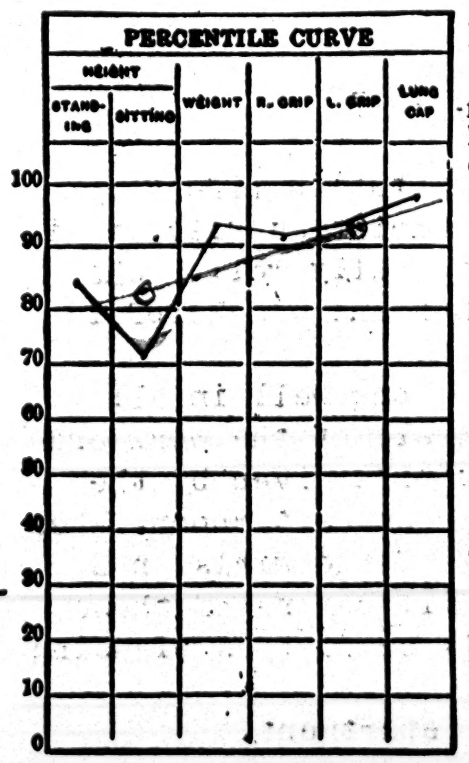
HEIGHT standing 163.0 c. m. 64.2 in. GRIP right 33. kg. 72.6 lb

" sitting 84.6 " 34.8 " " left 34 " 74.8 "

WEIGHT 63.7 kg. 140 lb. LUNG capacity 3150 c. c. 69 cu. in.

(Psycho-physical curve for child's present age 14).

(Psycho-physical curve drawn for a child of age 17).



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EXPLANATION of DIAGRAM to the LEFT

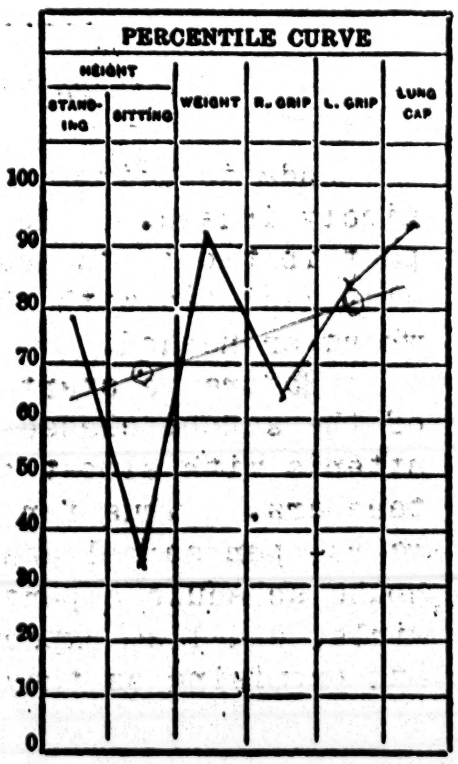
The irregular line drawn across the printed form is called an anthropometric "curve." It shows how this child compares with a large group of children of his own age (and sex), in the various measurements given at the top of the diagram.

The figure at the left of the horizontal line that is crossed by the "curve" shows that the child is as good as that per cent. of normal children of his age and sex in the measurements given at the head of the respective columns.

For example this child is as good as 85 per cent. of his age, in standing height: 71 per cent. in sitting height 93 per cent. in weight, etc.

EXPLANATION of DIAGRAM to the RIGHT

On this diagram a similar curve is drawn for the age at which this child would be normal in height and weight. In other words this child's measurements would be "normal" for a 18 year old child.



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September 20, 1918.

My dear Miss Stewart:-

I assume that you are planning before long to come North for that conference. When you do make that trip it is important that you visit Vineland before coming to New York. Mrs. Bennett has been there recently and she is very anxious that you should visit Ada, make a careful study of the work done, planning to remain at the school for at least two days.

Faithfully yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

A-P

The School Department
Ans.
Date OCT 14 1918
Noted
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Anna Belle Stewart

Principal

Oct. 11,11918.

Mr. M. C. Allaben,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Allaben:-

I am giving copy of night letter sent last night.

"Do you advise trip to Vineland and New York next week in present epidemic? It is possible for me to go. Langdon's influenza patients all improving. Please wire reply."

We have thirty one cases this morning but since all are doing well now I feel that my going will not be impossible as it was earlier in the week.

I note your suggestion in regard to Miss Cheek, but doubt if permanent arrangement could be made. The model cottage is not open and few are capable of teaching our higher grade sewing and cooking.

If I can see you next week full explanation of everything can be made.

Cordially yours,

Anna Belle Stewart

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November 14, 1918.

My dear Miss Stewart:-

I am wondering whether you are planning soon to come North now to see Lee and to have a conference with us regarding her case and other matters. Mrs. Bennett was in to see me about this recently and feels that the matter ought to be settled before December first if possible so if your arrangements will permit I trust you will plan to come here before that time.

I assume since we have had no further word from you that Miss Turner is improving and that you are now all pretty well out of your troubles. You were very fortunate to get through, it seems to me, without any fatalities.

Faithfully yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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December 18, 1918.

My dear Dr. Johnston:-

After conference with Mrs. Bennett the President of our Board and Miss Stewart the Principal of the Langdon School where Ada Walton was in attendance it has been decided to make arrangements for her continuance another year at Vineland. Since this Board has never before assumed responsibility of this character and only assumes it now because of the peculiar conditions under which Ada Walton was admitted to our school, and because furthermore the State of Kentucky does not make adequate provision for such cases I am wondering if it would not be possible for you to give us some scholarship aid in this connection. I may say that one of the boards of the Church allowed Ada and her sister, on account of the insanity of her father, the sum of $300.- yearly. The other sister still needs half of this amount but the other half has been sent to our Board for Ada's use. If it could be arranged so that we would not have to supplement this amount more than 100% we would be very grateful.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Dr. E. R. Johnston,
The Training School,
Vineland, N. J.

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ADDRESS ALL MAIL TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

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February 7, 1919

Mrs.M.C.Allaben
Superintendent of Schools,
Woman's Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City

My dear Mrs. Allaben

I have taken up with my committee on admissions the question of a reduction in tuition for Ada Walton.

As you probably know, the rate of $400 per annum is a special rate given societies and charitable organizations, as our terms for regular private pupils are Sixty Dollars per month. A short time ago this special rate to societies was increased to $450 per annum and we have also been obliged to ask the State of New Jersey to make an increase in its rate, so that we now have no children from them at less than the $400 rate.

In view of the above and the fact that we are now endeavoring to raise a ten thousand dollar sustaining fund to see us through this year without a loss (which we had last year), the committee does not feel that we can make any reduction in Ada's case. I regret this as I understand that this is a peculiar case with you.

Very truly yours,

E R Johnstone

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11-11-19

Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

Nov. 5, 1919.

School Department,

156 Fifth Ave., New Youk, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Allaben:-

Enclosed please find Cashier's Check for $150.00 to apply on Ada Walton's expenses at Vineland. Rev. Frank Walton died last June. This was not immediately reported to the Board of Ministerial Relief, and a payment for July was sent which later was returned to the Board. Owing to the persistent efforts of Rev. Frank Moore (Chairman of our Synod's Committee on Ministerial Relief) an exception was made to the general rule and an appropriation of $12.50 a month was made to Ada. This will mean that her entire income will be due the School Department in order to meet even the small part of her expenses that we have assumed the responsibility for, unless others can be interested in her. I have deferred writing hoping to hear again from Mr. Moore who thought he had a woman in mind who might add a hundred dollars or more to the fund. If he reports to me as he promised to do without fail I shall let you know at once.

You will also find enclosed two other checks, one for $2.50, realized from the sale of a bed. You would understand this ridiculous pri better if you had seen the bed with casters gone, springs broken, and mattress completely worn out. It was a green iron three-quarter bed.

The third check is for $3.04, and is the amount received from the R.R.Co. for damaged stationery. Will this be credited to our maintenance? We had to pay for the goods and transportation, and this merely re-imburses our account.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart

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November 11, 1919.

My dear Miss Stewart:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your two letters of November 5th enclosing the three checks. I regret that it is necessary to return two of these checks with the request that you write new ones making payment due the Woman's Board of Home Missions. I would suggest that you always follow this rule in handing checks to this office as it simplifies matters in connection with the deposit. You do not state from whom this $150.00 was received but I presume that it is perhaps from miscellaneous sources.

I am glad to know of the arrangement which the Board of Ministerial Relief has made in connection with Ada Walton and hope that it may be possible to secure additional funds for her support.

I am glad to approve of the purchase of the dictionary with the money received from the school fair and I would suggest that you order this yourself. It will not be necessary for you to send the bill to the office.

Very cordially yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

Nov. 17, 1919.

My dear Mr. Allaben:-

I am sorry that I made that blunder in making out checks. I knew better but was careless. I enclose new ones. (duplicates.)

The $150.00 sent for Ada Walton was the remainder of that sent last year by the Board of Ministerial relief to-gether with what has come in from them under the new arrangement. I have nothing further to report for her now, but still feel that we are on the track of help.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart

Langdon Memorial School

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Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

Jan. 20. 1920.

School Department,

156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Allaben:-

We are sending today a check for one hundred fiftydollars to be used for the support of Ada Walton . After herfather's death an allowance was made for burial expenses . This sum was held by the Chairman of Ministerial Relief for some time thinking that a claim might be presented for expenses by the relatives. Since no claim was made for such expenses this money was turned over to us for Ada. Also ten dollars extra was allowed by the Board of Relief at Christmas time so with these sums and other money we are sending in all this check for one hundred and fifty dollars over and above the pne hundred fifty dollars we had pledged for her support. We are still hoping thatwe may be able to secure more funds through a friend of Dr. Moore's .

From the sale of old beds we received twentysix dollars. This amount is being inclosed by check.

Sincerely,

Hannah R Sprouls

Ada Walter

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May 13th, 1920.

Dr. W. S. Holt,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Holt:-

At the request of the School Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions I desire through you to approach the Board of Sustentation of Ministerial Relief on the subject of the permanent care of a defective girl who is regarded as a high grade moron, the daughter of a minister in Kentucky who was for some time on the list of your beneficiaries prior to his death in an insane asylum. Entirely through exceptional circumstances our Board came to the position of loco parentis to this girl. Were it not for the social and moral menace involved there would be no objection to her release from our care.

For several years she has been in the Vineland Training School at an annual cost of $400., but in view of the fact that under changing administrations her care might be overlooked, it is our feeling that some permanent arrangement should be made for her future. We are informed that the sum of $ 5000. will insure her lifelong care in this excellent training school.

Since the case is an exceptional one it doe not come properly under the scope of our Board's work, but is one nevertheless that involves an unquestionable moral obligation, our Committee is wondering whether your Board will not join us in meeting this amount subject, of course, to its own independent investigation of the circumstances. We would be glad to learn your attitude in the matter.

Very cordially yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

A/M

Ada Waelton

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Mr.. M. C. Allaben,
Women's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Allaben:

Your letter of May 13th addressed to Dr. Holt has been referred to me for attention.

From the general statements in your letter, I could not give you a definite answer, and would suggest that you let us have the name of the person to whom you refer, and all possible data concerning the case. Only with such information could we intelligently make any investigation.

Awaiting your reply, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Robert Hunter
Associate Secretary

RH:C

Ada Walton

June 5th, 1920.

Mr. Robert Hunter,
423-429 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hunter:-

In response to your letter of June 1st I am sending you herewith the report which we have received in connection with Ada Walton of whom I wrote you a short time ago. The reason our Board has felt responsible for her is due to the fact that she was found to be defective after admission to the Langdon Memorian School at Mt. Vernon, Ky. Since there were no friends or relatives who could assume this responsibility it became necessary because of the moral issue involved for the Woman's Board to stand in loco parentis.

If there is any furthor information you desire to have in this connection please let me know and we will be glad to supply it.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent of Schools.

G/M

Encl.

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June 7, 1920.

Mr. M. C. Allaben,
Women's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Allaben:

We are in receipt of your favor of June 5th, and through it identify the orphan mentioned in your letter of May 13th, as Miss Adah Walton, orphan child of Rev. T. F. Walton, who died June 22nd, 1919. Miss Adah Walton, because of her mental condition, is eligible to aid from the Relief Department of this Board.

Her father, during some years previous to his death, was on the roll of our Relief Department, at an appropriation of $300.00, and we understand that this money was applied chiefly toward the care of his two daughters, as we understand, at the Presbyterian Mission School at Mt. Vernon, Ky., of which we are advised Miss A. B. Stewart is the head. Upon the death of the father,- we were advised that the older daughter was now able to care for herself, and that the younger daughter, Miss Adah, had been removed to the training School at Vineland, and an application for aid was made in her behalf, by the Committee on Ministerial Relief for the Presbytery of Transylvania. An appropriation of $150.00 was granted for year beginning August 1st, 1919, and in accordance with the instructions of the Chairman of Presbytery's Committee, the regular monthly payments in behalf of Miss Walton have been made to Miss Anna Belle Stewart, Lexington, Ky.

Through Rev. Francis J. Cheek, Synodical Superintendent for Kentucky, we are advised that some payment had been made through him to the Women's Board for the care of the two girls, although it was two years before they could make any payment to the Women's Board.

You state that the care at Vineland has cost about $400.00 per year, and that a lump sum of $5000 will ensure lifelong care in the Vineland institution, where, to judge from the reports you have just sent us, Miss Adah seems to be improving.

Will you kindly advise us how and through what sources the expense for her care has hitherto been met? Will you also kindly ascertain and advise us how much of the appropriation of $300 made her father was devoted to her care, possibly at Vineland,- and also how the appropriation made in her behalf since August 1919 has been applied.

The matter of joining in providing the lump sum to secure her permanent care, rather than assisting in meeting the current expense of such care, is one that would have to be brought before our Board for special consideration, and we would need the above information in order to place the facts fully before the Board. We would appreciate your advising us also, if it is possible for you to do so at this time, what proportion of this sum your Board would probably find it possible to provide, and what other source of provision there is in prospect, if any.

Awaiting your further advices,

Cordially yours,

Robert Hunter
Associate Secretary

RH:C

Ada Walton

June 8th, 1920.

Mr. Robert Hunter, Associate Secretary,
The Presbyterian Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation,
Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hunter:-

This is just a line to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 7th in regard to Miss Ada Walton. I am glad to know that there is a possibility of securing some help in this connection and I am writing now for definite information concerning the points which you have raised, and will inform you as soon as possible.

Thanking you for your interest in this matter, I am

Very sincerely yours,

G/M

Superintendent of Schools.

Public Correspondence Room
Central
Young Womens Christian Association
59 Chatham Street
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Grant 6930

April 6, 1920

Dear Miss Stewart:-

Thank you for your prompt answer to my letter. I would appreciate your taking the matter* of Ada's vacation up with the authorities at Vineland very much, but it hardly seems worth while. I expect to be in Kentucky three and a half or four months at least until I am to be married, probably by the middle of September. Besides, I need

Joe's we have three other invitations or, that is, I have three others which will pretty well fill my time.

I do not know whether Uncle Joe would be willing to assume the responsibility of Judy or not. Legally, he should. He might see it differently if I should talk it over with him. Long distance correspondence is so unsatisfactory.

To return to the trip to Kentucky - I hope to get away by the last 7 June. The sooner the better for me. I am so afraid that I shall be ill

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in the hot weather is
proving almost too much
for me. Mr. Griffith (my
"boss") wants me to
train a girl for my pos-
ition before I leave and
he is not anxious to
lose me at all. I am
not taking any vacation
although I know I
have earned one be-
cause I am counting
on getting away by the
last 7 this month.
I shall be sorry not to
have Ada with me. I
dare say, in view of
my correspondence
I am not the proper

person to "Chaperone" her.
My fiancé would like
her to live with us but
I expect, that, too, would
not be wise —
Hoping this may
clear up whatever
uncertainties you may
have about my plans,
I am

Sincerely yours
Cecilia Walton

Ada Walton
San Jose

June 15, 1920.

Mr. Robert Hunter, Associate Secretary,
The Presbyterian Board of Ministerial Relief,
423 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hunter:

I am ~~including~~ enclosing herewith a copy of a letter just received from Miss Stewart, relative to the case of Ada Walton. If this does not cover the questions which you raised in your former letter I am sure that Miss Stewart will be glad to give you further information at any time. We shall await with interest the decision of your Board in this connection.

I do not know whether or not Ada's sister would be ready to assume responsibility for her, but I do not believe that we could permit it, as there seems to be a question that she might become a social and moral menace.

Very cordially yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Enclosure
C/C

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LANGDON MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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150 Quest Street,
New Castle, Pa.
June 14, 1920.

School Department,
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Allaben:

I find your letter of June 8th with enclosure from Board of Ministerial Relief, awaiting my return from Pittsburgh and Monessen where I have been attending meetings - I regret the delay in responding.

I am also sorry to be away from my records and exact information concerning the money expended for the Walton heirs. Probably the more lengthy general statements will answer the purpose.

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Sincerely yours,

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Central Young Womens Christian Association

59 Chatham Street,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 6, 1920.

Dear Miss Stewart:

Thank you for your prompt answer to my letter. I would appreciate your taking the matter of Ada's vacation up with the authorities at Vineland very much, but it hardly seems worth while. I expect to be in Kentucky three and a half or four months - at least until I am to be married, probably by the middle of September. Besides, Uncle Joe's we have three other invitations or that is, I have three others, which will ~~probably~~ pretty well fill my time.

I do not know whether Uncle Joe would be willing to assume the responsibility of Ada or not. Legally, he should. He might see it differently if I should talk it over with him. Long distance correspondence is so unsatisfactory.

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I shall be sorry not to have Ada with me. I dare say in view of my correspondence, I am not the proper person to "chaperone" her. My fiancé would like her to live with us but I expect that too would not be wise.

Hoping this may clear up whatever uncertainties you may have about my plans, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Cecilia Walton.

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Ada Walton

Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

150 Quest Street,
New Castle, Pa.
June 14, 1920.

School Department
156 Fifth Ave. New York, N. Y.
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June 25, 1920.

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Mr. M. C. Allaben,
Superintendent of Schools,
Womens Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Allaben:

Concerning the matter of permanent provision for Miss Adah Walton at the School at Vineland, in which you suggest that the Womens Board and this Board join, I would state that your letter of June 17th with its suggestion that this Board pay half of the sum of $5000 required, reached me too late to be brought before our Board at its meeting of June 17th.

The earliest date at which this matter can now come before the Board for attention will be at the Septe,ber meeting. In the meantime, can you advise us of any action your Board may have taken in the matter, or whether you are in a position to state what they will probably be able to do. In considering the matter, it would be an davantage, in fact almost a necessity, for our Board to have a definite proposition from the Women's Board before it. Meanwhile, I cannot anticipate what the attitude of our Board would be toward such a proposition, as it is entirely outside of the operation of our rules.

Cordially yours,

Robert Hunter

Associate Secretary

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Ada Walton

June 17, 1920.

Mr. Robert Hunter, Associate Secretary,
The Presbyterian Board of Ministerial Relief,
423 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Hunter:-

I find that I overlooked the request in your letter of June 7th for information as to the sum which our Board would probably provide for the permanent care of Ada Walton. I intended to state that it would be my idea to recommend that our Board assume one half of this amount. I cannot, of course, give definite information on the subject as the matter has not yet been referred to the Board.

Very cordially yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

G-L.

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VISITING DAY, WEDNESDAY
ADDRESS ALL MAIL TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

E. R. JOHNSTONE, [redacted] DIRECTOR
C. EMERSON NASH, [redacted] SUPERINTENDENT

August 16, 1920.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Dear Miss Stewart:-

Owing to the continued extreme cost of labor and supplies we have been compelled to increase our rates for pupils.

The rate to societies for new pupils is now $600.00, but for those already with us it is $480.00.

Beginning September 9th, therefore, the rate for your ward - Ada Walton - will be $480.00 per annum. Will you please have the enclosed contract properly signed if you desire to continue Ada in our care.

We shall appreciate an early reply.

Very truly yours,

C. Emerson Nash
Superintendent.

F/S

Buena Vista, Ky.
August 23, 1920

Dear Miss Stewart:

I just received a letter from Uncle Joe today. He says that Ada has not enough money in the "treasury" to pay her tuition and also clothing and sundry expenses. He says that, in view of the fact that sooner or later Ada will leave Vineland and will probably need money then as much as now,

legal guardian, I am afraid that is final. If you would like to communicate with him, address J. H. Walton, Varilla, Ky.

I shall be here until the last of this month; after that at 380 Loudon Ave., Lexington, Ky. until September 9.

Sincerely yours
Cecilia Walton

he thinks it advisable to save it. He would like to have her leave Vineland but he offers no solution of the problem of placing her if she does leave.

He told me that there would be about three hundred and seventy three dollars which could be used now. The rest is so "tied up" that it cannot be drawn upon at any time except as the interest is paid.

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August 26,1920.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:-

Just a week ago tye enclosed communication from Vineland came to me. That very day I had the opportunity of seeing Cecilia Walton,Ada's sister. She is to be married in about two weeks and will live in Pittwburgh,Pa. She should take the responsibility of Ada,but just how wise a guardian she would be is a question in my mind. Cecilia told me that their father had carried $1000.00 life insurance and that they now had that money,also that the little house that they have always owned in Barbourville is for the first time more than paying expenses. She said that they had been offered fabulous sums for it, but were holding it for even better things during the "boom" in Barbourville. Cecilia is drawing $210.00 to pay tuition at the University of Pittsburgh,that she may complete her course there after her marriage. I told her that in the light of all these facts the Presbyterian Board should not be supporting Ada. I told her of the $150.00 from the Board of Ministerial Relief,and that there would be $330.00 for them still to pay and that I thought they should do it, or else that Cecilia should assume the care of her. Cecilia is extremely selfish and always has been,especially so with Ada who is her willing slave.Cecilia has worked her way along in Pittsburgh earning her board by housework while she attended the University. This last year she dropped out os school and worked in the Gazette Times Office,solicitor for classified advertisements, and general office assistant. She is now marrying one of the departmental editors of the Gazette Times.

I have written thus fully that you might see the great change,financially that has come to them within the last few months.I feel quite differently about our responsibilty financially for Ada,but,of course there is

still the moral responsibility.

I have written to Vineland that the matter would be taken under consideration and that they would be notified of the decision as soon as the Board had acted upon it. In the meantime I have been waiting for definite word from the uncle and guardian of the girls to whom Cecilia wrote a week ago. I should have had an answer in two days as he lives not far from here. Nothing has yet come so I felt that I could wait no longer to report conditions to you. When I hear from him I will report at once to you.

I am wondering where you are now and if Langdon is not to have a visit from you during this Southern trip. Our session is to open September 8th. if we can secure a kitchen matron by that time.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Rheinart.

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Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

August 27,1920.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:-

Since writing you yesterday the enclosed letter from Cecilia Walton has come. I am more convinced than ever that they should assume the responsibility of Ada. That $373.00 would more than meet Ada's tuition this year (aside from the $150.00 provided by the Board of Ministerial Relief.) Cecilia is not hesitating to take $210.00 for her own education when she is marrying a man well able to provide for her. I asked her whether Ada should go to her or to her uncle,if according to his plan she left Vineland. I know that neither of them wants her.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart-

re Ada Walton

August 31, 1920.

Miss Anna B. Stewart
Langdon Memorial School
Mt. Vernon, Kenguoky

My dear Miss Stewart:

During Mrs. Bennett's absence from the city I am opening her mail and reading whatever does not seem to be personal. Your letters regarding Ada Walton are before me, and the contract from the Vineland School I feel needs attention and still I do not want to forward it to Mrs. Bennett. According to the letter from Mr. Nash the new rates go into effect September 9th and, of course, they are anxious to get the contract back before that date. Miss Torrence and I do not see how that is possible and I am wondering if you could not write Mr. Nash explaining to him that the increased cost will take a Board action and that it will be impossible to secure that prior to September 9th. In view of all the information you have gathered it does seem as though Ada's family should, in their improved financial condition, assume the obligation of caring for her. Surely the income from the property should all be applied toward Ada's support and that plus the $150. provided by the Board of Ministerial Relief will probably be sufficient to maintain Ada. Mrs. Bennett will consider the matter carefully upon her return. Until a definite plan providing for Ada's future is decided upon I hope she can remain at Vineland and of course the Board will meet the increased cost of maintenance for a month or so.

Thank you so much for your personal letter which I found at the Colborne last evening. I deeply appreciate it and thank you for all your loving sympathy. I am distressed that you had to cook since the first of July. It grieves me to think of your energy being used up by such work. I do hope that you will soon have a good competent kitchen matron. I hope the conference was good enough to pay for your midnight start and your all day wait. I am glad to know the prospect for the roof is good. I know you are rejoicing with us in our having Miss Voss. It certainly seems a marvelous leading of our Heavenly Father that she was ready and free to take up our work. I am charmed with her and feel confident that the school department under her leadership will accomplish splendid things.

With loving greetings,

Affectionately yours,

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General Secretary

September 2,1920.

A.Emerson Nash,
Sup't. Training School,
Vineland,N.J.

My dear Mr.Nash:-

A letter from our Board in New York, to whom we forwarded the contract that you sent to be signed for Ada Walton, states that it will not be possible to have the necessary Board Meeting and get the decision to you before September 9th. At the earliest possible moment the report will be sent to you.

Ada's year ends Oct.31st. I suppose that no change of rates will take effect during the remainder of her year which is already contracted for and paid for.

Very truly yours.

Signed - Anna Belle Stewart

Copy for Board.

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Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

Sept. 2, 1920.

My dear Miss Dawson:-

Thank you for your kind acknowledgment of my numerous letters to Mrs. Bennett. I shall write to Vineland at once explaining the situation. Ada's year ends Oct. 31st. I should suppose that no change in rates could take effect till the annual contract expired.

The roof is again at a standstill, owing to lack of material for the sheeting underneath. We have found it hard to get work of any kind done at any price. Our "man of all work" is still unable to work, and the place is in sore straits. Dont be sorry that I am chief cook. I love the domestic end of the establishment. Just be sorry for the things that have necessarily remained undone while this pleasure was thrust upon me. We now have two girls who are splendid help and who do the actual work while I plan every menu and do the most particular things. We even have hopes of a kitchen matron, though these hopes are none too substantial.

Very sincerely yours,

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Sept.6,1920.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:-

Yesterday,Mr.Moore,our former pastor was here,and talked to us about Ada Walton. Mr.Moore is chairman of our Presbyterial Committee on Ministerial Relief,and has been able to hold the appropriation for Ada thus far. He says that it has been difficult to get this even these last two years and he has had to pull very hard to secure it. His errand here was to say that he felt that he could hardly ask for this appropriation for another year as he could not plead great need in the family. He feels that the Church has done all that should be expected of it for this one family, since there is now money to be used for the support of Ada. I felt that this would enter into the Board's decision for Ada's future, and that I should report it at once. I feel that Ada's sister should assume the responsibility for her.

Sincerely yours,

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September 13,1920.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:-

I am enclosing a letter received from Vineland this morning,and also statement for the last three months of Ada's year.

I have just learned that Cecilia,Ada's sister,is to live in Philadelphia,her husband having been transferred from the Pittsburg "Gazette Times" to the"American",I believe it is. His salary is to be even better than it was with the Pittsburgh paper.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart

I failed to mention that there is now on hand for Ada from the fund provided by the Board of Ministerial relief $100.

A.B.S.

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September 9, 1920.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Dear Miss Stewart:-

We have your letter of September 2nd and it will be satisfactory to us to have the tuition rate remain the same until the end of Ada Walton's year, October 31st.

The account, however, is paid only to August 1st, as you will note from the enclosed bill.

Very truly yours,

C. Emerson Nash
Superintendent.

L/S

September 24th, 1920.

Mr. C. Emerson Nash, Superintendent,
The Training School at Vineland New Jersey,
Vineland, N. J.

My dear Mr. Nash:

We have a communication from Miss Anna Belle Stewart concerning the advance in fee for Miss Ada Walton who is with you at Vineland. Before I take that matter to the Board which has its first meeting next week, may I ask what sum of money will provide for the maintenance of Miss Walton at Vineland for the rest of her life and just what this sum would cover. Would clothing be provided?

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

V/M

Dictated but not read.

September 24th, 1920.

My dear Miss Stewart:

The recent correspondence concerning Ada Walton has been turned over to me and I brought the matter to the attention of the School Committee at its meeting this week. It was decided that every effort should be made to secure the fund which Vineland states will maintain Ada there for the rest of her life, probably $5000. I am writing now to Vineland to see if this figure which they named last year still holds.

The Committee further decided that Ada's family in its improved financial circumstances should be approached to give this amount or as much as possible of this amount. It feels that the house, which I understand the two girls own should certainly be turned to this account, Cecilia giving up her share in it for the life maintenance of her sister and that any other funds available should likewise be used for this purpose. May I have your advice as to the very best way of approaching Cecilia and her uncle on this subject? Will it be through you who has already been in correspondence with them or shall we take the matter up direct with them here at the office? If you advise the latter will you please give me full names and addressed and any further particulars which you may have concerning the family and its resources.

After we know to what extent we can depend upon the family to contribute we shall be better able to take up the question of what the Board, with perhaps some help from the Board of Sustentation, must do to complete the amount needed.

Very sincerely yours,

Dictated but not read.

Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

V/M

Memorandum to Miss Ogg: September 28th, 1920.

Ada Walton

My dear Miss Ogg:

You will remember that the School Committee at its last meeting authorized the office to institute an investigation concerning the possibility of making up an amount required by Vineland for life maintenance for Ada Walton. I have started the appeal with the family of Ada Walton, have written to Vineland asking for the statement of the amount required and am prepared to approach the Board of Sustentation and Relief when the preliminary information is obtained. The appeal to Kentucky women was as you remember turned over to you and I am, therefore, reminding you that the office is leaving this phase of the matter entirely in your hands. If you wish to keep in touch with Miss Cheek you can reach her at Danville, Kentucky.

Superintendent of Schools.

V/M

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Sept. 30, 1920 -

My dear Miss Love: -

I am heartily ashamed of the delay in responding to your letter of Sept. 24th. which came just as I was preparing to leave Mt. Vernon. Miss Spraul answered it and the result of her work was not satisfactory to either of us, so, as I expected to visit the Board Rooms tomorrow morning on my way to Ridgebury we decided to wait for that personal interview. Now Mrs. Gildersleeve's telegram calls off that appointment! hence this tardy note.

I wish I could be of more help in securing funds from the Walton family, but in this I have never been very suc-

dreadful. My whole experience with Cecilia has seemed to consist in trying to make her see that Ada was entitled to half of the appropriation from the Board of Ministerial Relief. By hook or by crook Cecilia would have the lion's share always, - even forging a check (with my name) once when I positively refused her. She has always been intensely selfish with Ada. She simply ignored my last letter suggesting her obligation to Ada. I am helpless to influence her. My sister is the only one I know of in the world who exerts any good influence over Cecilia. She can usually persuade her to do things. - I fear, though, that Cecilia has already left Pittsburgh and gone to Philadelphia. My sister would know. She has been responsible for her during these years in Pittsburgh. Mr. Frank Moore of Richmond (a friend of Mr. Walton) and now Chairman of Committee on Ministerial Relief in our Pres.

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history says that Cecilia has written disloyal and unjust letters stating that she has not had the proper comforts during her sojourn in Pittsburgh while attending the University. She has made grievous complaint since the money has been given to Ada and withdrawn from her, though she was wholly supported by the funds of the Church during her entire High School Course and was helped during her University career. She never earned anything more than her board. I am going thus into detail that you may know how matters stand. Cecilia is now an "Easy Street" and she should be glad to have the property go to Ada, but when I mentioned

her responsibility she took offence and referred the matter to their guardian (with some suggestions, I fear.) The guardian is Mr. Joe Walton, Danilla, Ky. He has a good paying position and considerable money, but he is ignorant, and (I have sometimes feared) unscrupulous. He wanted Ada turned out on the world before she went to Vineland. He would do nothing for her and he now says that she should not be kept there. Rev. T. J. Check DD of Danville, Ky. might have some influence with him. I do not know certainly. Dr. Check was a friend of the family for years and got the aid from the Board of Ministerial Relief. He knows the whole story. Dr. Check will pass through Danilla Saturday of this week and will return next Wednesday Oct. 6th(?) You could reach Dr. Check care of Rev. Mr. Michel of Harlan from Oct. 2-6.

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I know of nothing that would move Cecilia except the fear of having to keep Ada.

I tell that all this brings no positive suggestion or help, but according to your request I have given "further particulars."

It seems to me that with what the Waltons seem to have now in Mr. Walton's insurance, and the house in Barbourville that Ada should not be supported by the Church.

Mrs. Gilderslieve has my address and can tell you where to address me.

Very sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

October 4,1920

Memorandum for Miss Torrence from Mrs. Bennett:

It seems to me that it is hardly worth while to bother much with either the sister of guardian of Ada Walton directly. So far as I can see now I should say it would be best to write Dr. Cheek very fully and ask him to talk this matter over with Miss Ogg when she is in Danville for the Synodical Meeting October 13 to 17. Please write to Miss Ogg to be sure to see Dr. Cheek and please send to her a copy of Miss Stewart's letter.

Will you please make it clear to Dr. Cheek that Ada should be kept under restraint and that we feel that it is up to Kentucky?

(Mrs.J.S.) M. Katharine Bennett

President.

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THE TRAINING SCHOOL AT VINELAND NEW JERSEY

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF THOSE WHOSE MINDS HAVE NOT DEVELOPED NORMALLY

E. R. JOHNSTONE, DIRECTOR

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VISITING DAY, WEDNESDAY

OCT 8 - 1920

October 5, 1920

Miss Edna R. Voss,
Woman's Board of Home Missions, Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

My dear Miss Voss:

In 1918 our Board of Directors took up the question of Life Provision for Ada Walton, and it was agreed then that if the matter was taken up before the close of the calendar year, provision could be made for the sum of $5000. Since then, however, because of the increase in the cost of all supplies, it has been deemed wise by our actuarial advisers to increase the Life Provision rate to $7500.

My Board as a whole does not meet again until the second week in December. I am inclined to think that it would favorably consider some reduction from the $7500 rate, although I do not know whether they would agree to a $5000 one.

Of course it should be borne in mind, in Ada's case, that while, so far as we can see, her mental age is such that she should always have protection and guidance, and this is particularly true because there is an increasing deafness coming on with her age, nevertheless, she is a borderline case and we, or whoever may have her in charge, may find at the end of several years that under particularly good surroundings she could be permitted to look after herself. I do not think this is likely to happen, but it is a possibility that we might feel in duty bound to recommend.

Very truly yours,

E R Johnstone

J/L

October 7, 1920

Miss E. Jessie Ogg
c/o Second Presbyterian Church
Danville, Kentucky

My dear Miss Ogg:

Since the School Committee meeting, at which you were present and Ada Walton's case was discussed, we have received another letter from Miss Stewart, a copy of which I am enclosing.

After talking with Mrs. Bennett she urges that you make an appointment with Dr. F. J. Cheek, who was a friend of the Walton family and was instrumental in securing the original grant from the Board of Ministerial Relief, and see if you can formulate with him some plan of procedure. At Mrs. Bennett's suggestion, I am writing Dr. Cheek the facts of the case and telling him that you will be in Danville from October 13 to 17, and will confer with him.

With kind regards, and with the hope that you are having a pleasant and profitable itinerary.

Sincerely yours,

MWT-PH

Treasurer

October 7, 1920

Rev. F. J. Cheek, D.D.
Danville, Kentucky

My dear Dr. Cheek:

It has been suggested that I write you concerning a matter which has recently been under discussion by our Board and which has caused us considerable anxiety. Miss E. Jessie Ogg, one of our Board members, will be in attendance at the synodical meeting in Danville from October thirteenth to seventeenth, and I have written her that it is our wish that she should confer with you on this subject.

The matter in question relates to the future provision for Ada Walton, who is now in the training school at Vineland, New Jersey. In view of the fact that you are acquainted with the family, and were instrumental in securing a grant from the Board of Ministerial Relief for their benefit, we feel that you can advise us in the matter better than anyone else.

It has come to our knowledge recently that the financial status of the two girls has undergone some changes, and that the property they own has very much appreciated in value. The sister, Cecilia, has just married a newspaper man, who appears to be abudantly able to take care of her. Our Board feels that while they have a distinct responsibility in seeing that Ada is provided for that different arrangements should be made for the future from those which have obtained in the past.

All of our members familiar with the circumstances, as well as Miss Stewart of the Langdon Memorial School, feel that Ada should remain under restraint, and that it would be almost criminal to cast her out upon the community. They also feel quite strongly that the obligation in the matter of caring for this Kentucky girl should rest directly upon the Kentucky women.

The school at Vineland is raising its tuition rates to become effective October 31, and it is necessary to reach an early decision in the matter, as we do not feel justified under the present circumstances in signing a year's contract at the increased rate. The Board has been paying $400.- a year for Ada Walton's tuition at Vineland. Some years ago Vineland offered to take care of Ada for the rest of her life for the sum of five thousand dollars ($5000.). I am not sure whether this figure still holds. Her sister, Cecilia, and uncle, Mr. Joe Walton of Varilla, Kentucky, both seem disinclined to do anything to aid in the situation, and the sister seems also unwilling to assume the care of Ada, and have her make her home with her.

I have omitted many details of the case, but I trust from the foregoing you will be able to form some opinion of the manner in which all those interest-

October 7, 1920

Rev. P. J. Cheek, D.D. 2

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 6th inst. received and contents noted. In reply would say that we have no such man as you describe in our employ and never have had. We are sorry that we cannot help you in this matter.

Yours very truly,

P.J. Cheek, D.D.
Pres. Kentucky Military Institute

MVT-YH

WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Memorandum for Miss Torrence: October 13th, 1920

Excerpt from letter of Miss Stewart dated October 9th.

"I am enclosing a letter from Cecilia Walton, Ada's sister, which throws a new light on the question. On the fourth page of this personal letter from my sister there is further reference to Cecila's plans and I enclose it that you may know all that I know of the matter."

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE TIMES
FOUNDED 1786

GAZETTE SQUARE

October 4, 1920

My dear Miss Stewart:-

I have been waiting to write you about Ada until I should be settled but since I am no nearer being in that state than I was some months ago, I shall not delay any longer. We have found it neccessary to postpone our marriage until later and I am back at the office again. I do not know how long I shall be here. I made no promises when I came back.

The only thing I can say about Ada is that she will probably have to go to Uncle Joe's for a while until I can make some definite arrangements. I thought I had hit upon a solution but that involved my being settled so I have had to give that up, also for the present. Let me know when Ada will be leaving Vineland and I'll write to Uncle Joe.

I spent Sunday, the third, in Monessen.

Very sincerely yours,

Cecilia Walton

WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

October 13th, 1920.

Memorandum for Miss Torrence: Excerpt letter from Miss Stewart's sister

Cecilia's marriage is postponed indefinitely. As nearly as I can gather Mr. Coffin threw over his job on the Gazette Times thinking he had a better one in Philadelphia, went there and was not satisfied, returned to Pittsburgh to find his old job gone, took a less desirable one and had now gone in pursuit of yet another in Cleveland. Letter from Cecilia on Tuesday told me all but the last chapter, and wanted frantically to see me. So I called her up Wednesday night while waiting for the midnight train. She seems to have refused (with more sense than I thought she had) to follow a rolling stone, so she had gone back to her old job at a better salary and is working while she waits. Poor kid, its sort of tough on her but may be the making of her. She still wanted to see me so is coming out over Sunday. I could spare her for its been a hard week but she probably needs an anchor.

Louisville, Ky.
October 15, 1920.

WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OCT 20 1920

My dear Miss Torrence,

While in Danville, I had a conference with Dr. Frank Cheek about Ada Walton. He principally told history of her father and financial proceedings. Here is sum & what I gathered.

Dr. Cheek is willing & do anything he can & help us. He feels neither Mr Walton nor Cecelia is inclined & pay for Ada. Neither would have her live in Berea home. They would see her on start unless our Board or some agency cares for her.

There is probably about $400. between the girls & a home owned at Barbourville and a loan made by their father & a firm.

Dr. Cheek will go I Mrs. Joe Walton with any proposition our Board puts up & him but it must be clearly stated, definite request made, that he may take. Dr Cheek is sure we could not get Cecelia & give up her part & Ada.

Cecelia is not married. Is still in Pittsburgh in same office.

Dr Cheek asked about putting Ada in one of State hospitals of Ky. He said if physician at Vineland would give certificate she could be transferred & Ky. without examination & trial.

I understand conditions under which Ada must live at Vineland are far from pleasant. That she is rushed in with imbeciles, that there is no privacy

for dressing, bathing, etc. Is she really having any advantages there or would she have as good treatment in a state asylum without expense?

If Dr. Cheek is to go to Mr Walton for financial aid to keep Ada at Vineland he must know exactly how much it will cost and what share we expect from him.

A proposition is coming to Board from Ky. Synodical for opening of new work in Ky. We tried to find out all I could about conditions as background for School com. when it comes. We found this, that Ebenezer Presbyterial is pouring money into Pikeville. We further found that Danville is wealthy. We should have some individual gifts from there.

We been so sorry not to have the Guild financial statement that is set up from you of budget of W. Y. stations, minus part supported (indicated) and needs. Also the statement of how to send their gifts and how to mark them. I had to send Bulletin mss. with Foreign appeal in and ours left out. Do you like that?

You will have had luncheon for Foreign Board before this reaches you. Am sure you will have had a good time.

Next address you could reach me "Patten Hotel" Chattanooga, Tenn. Oct. 22-25. This instead of Berry Schools, Mt. Berry, Ga. Will you tell Miss Klein please.

Very sincerely,
E. Jessie Ogg

School Committee Actions

September 21, 1920.

ADA WALTON After consideration of the question of the future care of Ada Walton, former student at Langdon Memorial School, the Superintendent of Schools was instructed to take up at once the question of securing the necessary funds for providing life maintenance for her at the Vineland Training School, having first obtained from the authorities at Vineland the information as to the amount needed, and that she approach the women of Kentucky through their federation of woman's clubs, the family of Ada Walton, the Board of Sustentation and Ministerial Relief, with a view to securing their financial cooperation in obtaining the amount necessary.

October 26, 1920.

ADA WALTON Since no definite decision has been reached as to the future care for Ada Walton it was voted to pay the increased rates at the Vineland Training School for a month or two pending final decision.

Langdon Memorial School

Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Conducted by the

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of the

Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

January 25,1921.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:-

I am enclosing a check that came to us for Ada walton. Also I want to say that there is nearly $150.00 here from the Board of Sustentation that is available for her. We have held it till we should have instructions as to what was to be done for Ada. The School at Vineland has been furnishing Ada's clothes and no objection has ever been made to this,but this winter Ada evidently asked her sister for clothing. Their uncle sent Cecilia $60.00 to use for Ada(though he could pay nothing for her tuition and board.) The result was a fifty dollar coat and goods for a dress.

Cecilia is now married and has a home of her own. I feel as I felt before that she should assume the responsibility of Ada. As it is,she is getting all of the income and Ada is receiving nothing of what should be evenly divided between the two sisters. Cecilia has always had the lion's share. Will you advise me as to this fund of Ada's? Cecilia's address is:Mrs.Bernard Coffin,77Nebraska St.,Akron,Ohio.

We are deeply concerned over the situation that you are facing as officers of the Woman's Board. Our Langdon faculty is meeting together every night to bear your needs definitely to the Throne of Grace. We are asking for you not only guidance and wisdom and grace but physical endurance for the strain of it all. We are praying by name for you especially,and also for miss Dawson,as she meets the women and presents the needs, and for Miss Voss. We are asking for nothing less than the entire sum needed to meet the demand of the work.With God all things are possible.

We are hoping for better times here at Langdon. Miss Turner and

Miss Davis were able to walk to town to church last Sunday, the first time since early in November. Our other sick teacher is improving. After twelve weeks in bed she was lifted yesterday and carried to a car to be taken home. We feel as if we were beginning to live again. Miss Sprowls and I are rejoicing over the prospect of having our room again. We had given it to the typhoid patient and had been occupying a small room used partly as store - room and partly as hospital. It has been funny to try to keep track of our possessions with the clothing of our two selves and that of the sick teacher and also of her mother all congested in this room with school supplies. Fortunately I have not yet unpacked my bags since returning from New York in November.

I have written too much. Please pardon me, and be assured of our interest and sympathy and willingness to cooperate in any plan devised for the meeting of the situation that our beloved Woman's Board is facing.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart

Feb.8,1921.

My dear Ada:-

You know that I have not forgotten you nor lost interest in you though Miss Sprowls has written the last two letters that went from Langdon. You and your future have been much on my heart these last months and I have written many letters in your interest if not to you directly. I have felt that now that you were grown your uncle Joe or Cecilia might like to have you live with them. You will remember, Ada, that I asked your uncle to take you before you went to Vineland, but he wrote me that he could not do it. If you are now making a good record at school in your general work and your conduct, it will help you and you will be recommended by your teachers for something else.

I have wanted to write you for some time but I felt as you said you did;-that I did not know exactly what to say, for it takes a long time to make plans. I want you to be sure, though, that I have neither forgotten you nor lost interest in you.

Miss Sprowls, I believe, wrote you last week about our Christian Endeavor Pageant. It was one of the prettiest things that we ever had. Miss Sprowls was in charge so you know that it would go beautifully. No one hesitated or forgot, the costumes were pretty, and the tableau lights perfect.

I spent my time in the Domestic science room, dressing the performers, keeping order, and seeing that every one entered the chapel at the right moment. Bird, Nancy, Cora and several other girls that you knew had leading parts. Bernard was a sailor boy and William Landrum a soldier. Jack was Dr. Clark.

Saturday night we had a joint Junior and C.E. social which seemed to be

a great success judging from the peals of laughter and from the shouts that could be heard all over the neighborhood. They had a number of relay races,-carrying nine bundles twice the length of the chapel at full speed without dropping any,putting on pillow slips etc. Some of the boys had never put a pillow into its slip before and to do it in that long line with every one hurrying them was funny. Miss Sprowls and the social committees were hostesses. Julia Landrum and Lucile Albright were the two chairmen. You remember them both of course.

We had measles,chicken-pox,and tonsilitis up stairs,but just now we have a nurse and she stays with the sick so we are not all quarantined as we so often are.

Sunday we observed Decision Day in both C.E.Societies. We had been praying for this day for weeks,in the teachers' prayer circle,and the girls were equally interested. For the last week we had been spending a great deal of time in prayer. Every one in our Langdon family accepted Christ before the day came,so we all prayed the more earnestly for the town boys and girls. Miss Sprowls had charge of the Junior meeting and I of the C.E. You know where each society meets.Can't you see us? Bird Jones and Mallie Field sang the hymn,"God calling yet". They and the teacher who played for them had prayed together many times during the days beforehand that God would use their song. It was sung in a wonderful way. We were too happy to speak when Dorothy and Albert Cooper,and Jack Crawford and Bill Johnson rose and said that they accepted Christ. I think you know them all. We were then an unbroken band and we all joined hands for our our parting prayer.

We had the treatment for hook-worm two weeks ago. Only <u>new</u> girls had to take it except Mallie Field and Nancy. Mallie has taken it <u>seven</u> times and Nancy four. I don't believe you ever had to take it,did you?

I do not think that there are a dozen girls here in the school now that you know,but,of course,you remember all the town boys and girls. They are all here still except the older ones who are all gone to cities or away to school- With love as ever- Signed A.B.S-

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Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

Feb.8,1921.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:-

I am enclosing the latest chapter in the"Ada Walton Case." I.have not written to her often lately for I kept thinking that I would have some thing to say to her. Months pass and we still have no more light nor any word of hope to pass on to her. I enclose my reply also. She is still interested in our life here and would love to be a part of it. Doubtless you have my recent letter telling you that there are funds of Ada'a here available for use for her.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Belle Stewart

Miss Stewart

Training School
Vineland N.J.
Jan. 30, 1921

Dear Miss Stewart:-

I have been planning to write to you for some time. But have not done so because I was not exactly sure of what I wanted to say I am not just sure yet but I will make an attempt.

The thing I want to know worse than most of all is have you lost all intrest in me? Have you no plans for me what so ever? I am eighteen now and feel as though I should be thinking of doing something for my self but if you dont have

any intrest in me. I might as well bury my thoughts. As you are the one who placed me here I feel that you are the one for me to write this letter to. I have thought it over many times and I do hope you will see how I feel. I hope there is some future for me other than what I am having now. I know that you had intrest in Ethel Heinz and she was not the success you thought she would be I don't think I would be like Ethel, I might be a failure but ~~you~~ one knows until I have a chance.

I trust you will at least write me and tell me whether my future is here or not. And if you are ever near here I should like to have you come to Vineland so I could talk to you. I guess I will have to close now give my love to all Miss Turner & Miss Sprules especialy. I hope you will write me soon

Sincerely
Ada Walton.

Training School U
Vineland N.J. 1
Dec. 26, 1920

Dear Miss Stewart:-

I hope you and Every one had a pleasant Xmas. We had quite a nice one here. I thank you Ever So much for the things you sent from there. I got a darling gold wrist watch. And Mr. sent me material for a dress I must git busy and make it I Suppose - Mrs. Peebles sent me quite a nice box of things. I also received

several gifts from the girls
one girl gave me a pretty
little pencil on a chain
we had moving pictures in
the evening. They were
Charlie Chaplin Strike Beans.
We are to give the play
tomorrow evening for the
people here and Wednesday
for the public. Wish you
could be here to see it.
I hope you will write and
tell me about the Xmas.
at Langdon. you all always
have such a beautiful
time. Give my regards to
all. and write when you

Lou.

Sincerely yours
Ada.

PS. please excuse pencil as
I have no pen and we
do not have any ink this
week.

A. F. W.

Miss Torrence

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

The Schauffler Department
Ans.
Date FEB 10 1921
Noted
By

February 9, 1921.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Voss:

I have been wondering whether if Miss Dingman goes to the Pacific Coast, she might not take some at least of the meetings that you were to have taken, and possibly those that she could not cover in the early days might simply be let go for this year. I just begin to wonder with all you have on hand whether you have not let yourself in for more than you have time for by planning to take more than a few meetings anyway. Are you planning to stop at Wolf Point on your way out? I am simply keen to go there some time.

I sent a letter with a check for $25 for Ada Walton to Miss Torrence, I think, but I am not sure whether I told her to turn the letter over to you; in any case this matter with a number of others that I am holding to go over with you must have discussion at some comparatively early date.

Faithfully yours,

W. Katharine Bennett

Do they know at Lithia that you are going to visit them this Spring?

The School Department
Ans.
Date FEB 14 1921
Noted
By

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

February 11, 1921.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Voss:

I am sorry not to have gotten into New York as I had intended doing but am pretty well upset for some reason and have to take a day or two of rest.

Just so you can be thinking over it, I am sending you some correspondence between Ada Walton and Miss Stewart. Certainly Ada's letters do not seem those of a girl mentally inefficient and it does seem to me we ought to be able to do something for her. I spoke of this when I wrote you the other day but this is just following the matter up.

(2) I wrote my cousin, the executive auditor of New York State about Cardenas and as to getting that bill through the legislature of New York. He writes and says if I will send it on to him he will have it introduced and will do whatever he can to expedite its passage; so whenever you have it ready, we will do what we can to move it on.

(3) A letter from Mrs. Downes enclosed is self-explanatory. Whom would you like to have appointed to this committee? I sort of feel that the committee thinks it must do something and therefore is making these suggestions.

Unless something unforeseen occurs, I will be in at two o'clock on Monday to meet Mr. Mitchell. I shall be all right by that time, I am sure.

Very sincerely yours,

M. Katharine Burnett

February 18th, 1921.

My dear Miss Stewart:

Mrs. Bennett has turned over to me your last letter concerning Adah Walton and enclosing a check for $25. for her expenses at Vineland. The latter I am sending into the Treasury.

We seem to have made no headway at all in the matter of caring for this unfortunate girl but I am gathering all the correspondence which took place during my absence and after a conference with Mrs. Bennett hope very much to have something to suggest within a few weeks.

Thank you very much for all the valuable information which I find has come from you during the months that I was away.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

V/M

Walton

February 23, 1921.

Supt. E. R. Johnstone,
Vineland Training School,
Vineland, N.J.

My dear Mr. Johnstone;

I am writing at this time to ask you to give me a report on the condition of Adah Walton who is at present in the Vineland Training School. We would very much appreciate it if you would give a full report indicating her present condition and also noting any improvement which may have been made during the past year.

Very cordially yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

C-L.

Adah Walton

March 1st, 1921.

Dr. E. Johnstone,
Vineland Training School,
Vineland, N. J.

My dear Dr. Johnstone:

I am planning to visit the Vineland Training School either the end of this week or next Monday to talk over with you the case of Adah Walton who is being cared for by the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

C/M

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VISITING DAY, WEDNESDAY

The School Department
Ans. 3/15/21
Date MAR 15 1921
Noted
By

March 12, 1921.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Voss:

I am enclosing herewith copy of the report on Ada. She is one of those difficult cases that it is hard to place. According to her mentality she should be able to get along but there is that fondness for the boys and inability to carry a responsibility which should go with a girl of her type if outside of an institution. I do not like to think of her being placed here for life, although I would rather have that be the case than recommend her being sent out before she has had at least a few more years of institution life, that we may more certainly be sure whether she can or cannot be trusted out.

Under the circumstances, therefore, I should recommend that application be made for her at the Kentucky Institution. If she is kept as a ward of your Society I believe the State of Kentucky would keep her without expense to you. She might then be tried out later if she prove able. I think it might be well for you to visit the Kentucky Institution and make the case plain to the Superintendent there. This letter and the reports would probably give him the information he desires.

I am sorry I cannot give you a final opinion in the matter but our knowledge of such cases is not sufficient to do this.

With kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

E R Johnstone

J/S

THE TRAINING SCHOOL AT VINELAND NEW JERSEY.

Ada Walton.

Cottage Report.

Ada has improved very much the past year. The year previous she was a great problem - impudent, careless and very hard to manage at times. This year I have felt that she was trying to do her best.

Generally she does her work well but of course needs close following up.

She likes to be well dressed but is rather careless about her clothes; does not seem to appreciate the value of clothing. For instance, she received a very pretty coat for Christmas which cost I think $55.00. Last Sunday when she came from assembly she simply tossed it over a chair where it laid two days and then she had to be told to hang it up.

Last Wednesday noon she had neglected to brush under the table where she had waited at noon and had to be called down stairs to finish her work. I found her sweeping with her best coat on. I merely mention the above to show how close following up is needed at all times.

I consider her fondness for the boys the greatest problem. One we have to watch closely all the time.

Ada understands how to do housework thoroughly. She works alternately in pantry, dining room, dormitories and halls, and occasionally in the kitchen.

School Report.

The reports from our teachers show that in all of her school work Ada has improved since her last report made February 9, 1920.

Her assistance to me in the way of taking charge of classes has been very satisfactory indeed.

There are just a few things about Ada which trouble me, one is her great liking for the opposite sex and when apprehended, her resentful attitude to those who are responsible for her conduct.

For two years now I have given her responsibility under my personal supervision and my sad experience has been that I cannot trust her. I must always arrange matters so that I am always a few paces ahead of Ada and by so doing we get along nicely. She is getting to be quite deaf.

Report on--Walton, Ada
By B. C. Flowers 3-5-1921.

When tested on January 1st, 1920, Ada's Smedley Curve was from 79 to 88. At the recent examination it was from 78 to 80. This means that she has more than average ability to apply her physical strength to a concrete task and is well developed physically.

When given the Binet Test on December 11th, 1918, at the age of 15 years, 9 months, she tested 11 years, 10 months which gives an intelligence quotient of 84. At the examination given on March 4, 1921 (Vineland 1920 Revision of the Binet) she tested 13 years, 3 months, which gives an I.Q. of 95. An analysis of her first and last test shows that the difference in tests does not so much indicate an improvement in mentality, but rather confirms the characteristics of irresolution and lack of ability to adjust herself readily to a new situation, as shown in the Porteus Test.

She recalled some of the answers given in the first Binet test and realized that they were incorrect, but says that she was nervous and did not know just what she was expected to do. For instance, in doing the Ball and Field Test she drew lines that would appear to indicate that she had no ability to plan a course. At the second test she drew concentric circles, while this time she told the examiner that she did not know how to draw on paper just what she would do and said that if she were to hunt a lost ball in a real, round field she certainly would never run around in circles but would go over part of the field at a time until she had been all over the field, but that it would be impossible to draw on paper a design showing just what she would do.

She has recently been given the Porteus Test inverted, and gained a rating of 11 years, showing that her planning capacity and ability to profit by ~~from~~ previous mistakes remains about the same as at the previous test.

Ada Walton

March 16th, 1921.

Mr. E. R. Johnstone,
The Training School at Vineland,
Vineland, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Johnstone:

Thank you for the report on Ada Walton which came in this morning's mail. I shall take the matter up with our committee at an early date and let you know their decision.

I have the most pleasant recollections of the day I spent at the Training School at Vineland.

Best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

V/M

Ada Walton

March 18th, 1921.

Mr. E. R. Johnstone,
The Vineland Training School,
Vineland, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Johnstone:

I find that I have either lost or mislaid the note which I made in your office of the Kentucky Insitution into which you think we might be able to secure admission for Ada Walton. With the same note has gone the name and initials of the official to whom you felt it would be wise for me to write or if I were able to go to Frankfort to see in regard to the work and standing of the institution at the present time. I shall be very grateful for this information.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

V/M

Training School Hartford
Vineland N.J.
Mar. 20. 1921.

The School Department
Ans.
Date MAR 22 1921
Wd
By

My dear Miss Voss:-
I received your card and the candy and I surly did appreciate them and many times since you were here I have thought of you and hope you can find time to come again.

We had moving pictures here last wednesday they were Mary Pickford in "The Hoodlum" and Charlie Chaplin in "A Days Pleasure" we enjoyed them very much. We are to have

a contest this week.

And we are to give the play the next week that we were practicing when you were here. I have just written a long letter to my sisters And I am tired now hope you will excuse a short note And careless writing. hope you will write me again some time.

Sincerely
Adel F. Walton.

THE TRAINING SCHOOL AT VINELAND NEW JERSEY

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VISITING DAY, WEDNESDAY

The School Department
Ans. 3/28/21
Date MAR 28 1921
Noted
By

March 24, 1921.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
Supt. of Schools,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Voss:

I do not remember just what I did say regarding the Kentucky Institution, but it would be wise for you to write or see Hon. Jos. P. Byers; he is the Commissioner of Institutions in Kentucky and has an office in the State House at Frankfort.

If you will tell him just what the situation is, I know he will give you every possible assistance.

Very truly yours,

E R Johnstone

J/S

E.R.V.

Ada Walton

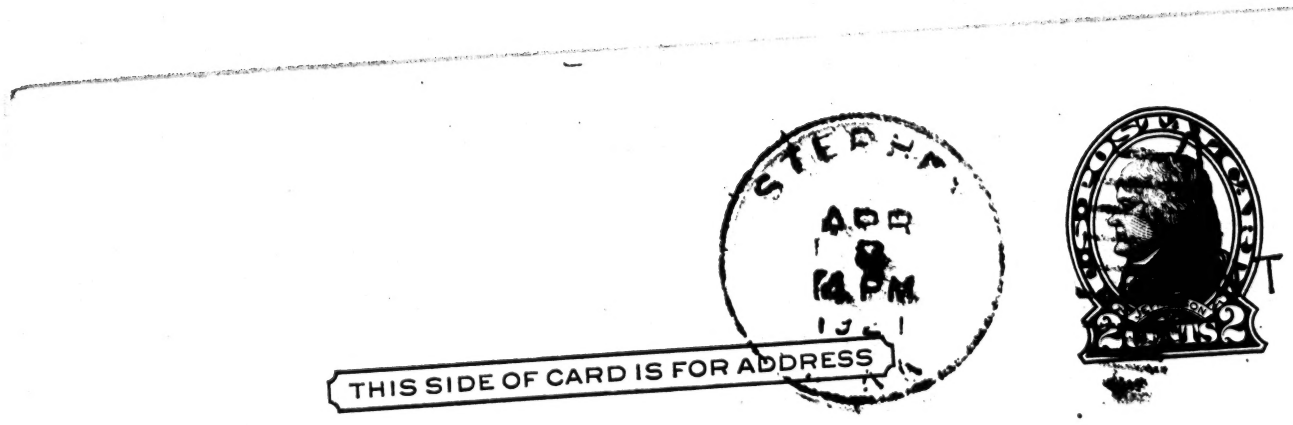
Stephen, Minn. -
April 8, 1921 -

My dear Miss Voss: -

Thank you for your letter with reference to Ada Walton - Frankfort may have changed in four years, but on your old files you have in full my impression of it in the year of 1916 & 1917 I can't remember date of letter, - possibly early spring of '17. At that time it was not a fit place for Ada. -

With love & eager expectation of seeing you -

A: B. Stewart



Miss Edna R. Foss,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York. N. Y.

Ada Walton

April 4th, 1921.

My dear Miss Stewart:

Thank you very much for the letter from Ada Walton which I am enclosing. Mr. Johnstone's recommendation is that we do not remove Ada from an institution, but that we investigate that at Frankfort, Kentucky, with the idea of transferring her from Vineland. It may be possible for me to come home from the West by way of Frankfort. I shall tell you more about this when I see you.

Definite plans for my getting away are still in the air and probably will be until the last moment. I shall telegraph you setting a time for our conference. I am looking forward to that "bear hug."

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Schools.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
3022 Dupont Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.
c/o Mrs. J. E. Miner.

V/M

Ada Walton

Oct. 4, 1921.

Mr. E. R. Johnstone,
Training School,
Vineland, N.J.

My dear Mr. Johnstone:

May I have your latest judgment as to the condition of Adah Walton. You will remember that I was to take up with our Board the question of continuing Adah's expenses at Vineland from year to year or of securing a special gift to place her for life. I have not taken this question up thinking that another six or nine month's watchfulness on your part might enable you to give us a more definite reply as to the possibilities for her future than you were able to give me when I visited Adah last February. A statement from you as to the outlook as well as her present condition will be greatly appreciated.

Remembering most pleasantly my visit to Vineland,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

V/L.

Ada Walton

Ada Walton

Opinions - Dr. Cheek thinks neither Cecelia nor Ada's ~~father~~ uncle will pay Vineland life fee. - Would not have her live with them

Mr Joe Walton guardian might respond to definite proposition Varilla Ky. his address. Advises securing certificate from Vineland to enter Ky. state hospital without exam. or trial

Miss Stewart

Cecelia's Address - Mrs. Bernard Coffin 77 Nebraska St. Akron O.

School at Vineland has been furnishing Ada Clothes. Cecelia gets all income which should be divided between the two

$150 - ministerial relief -
21 - Woman's club
5 Miss Mc. Cord
$ 25 - Miss Stewart
$ 201 + more from ministerial relief - about 250 in all
Father died in 1919 summer

Questions

How much fee next year
What would life fee be
Advisability - of Ky Asylum
" " freedom.
Prospects of improvement.

Mr. E. R. Johnstone. (Dr.)
Director

Vineland

Bd has been paying 400 - now to be raised to 500 Oct. 31 (not done). Some years ago Vineland offered life care for $5000.

Money on hand -

$25 check - Feb. Steward
150 (nearly) Bd Sustentation

History - Letter Miss Stewart June 1920
Acdia & Ada, 21 + 17 years of plean daughters of Rev J. F. Walton
Destitute except for income from little cottage at Barbourville
In 1915 Bd. Ministerial Relief granted appropriation - This went for tuition, clothes & necessaries
During Summer 1917 learned of Adas mental condition - mentally of 12 years.
Sent for Vineland expenses

Langdon Memorial School
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
Conducted by the
Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America

Anna Belle Stewart Principal

12/2/21
1921

Philadelphia Station -
November 30, 1921 -

My dear Miss Foss:-

My visit to Vineland is a thing of the past, and it is even as we had suspected, - Ada's leaving now, in the midst of the Christmas preparations would seriously interfere with the success of the entertainment. Mr. Nash was very frank and very nice. He really thinks Ada is happy, but she is pining her life away. She says she "hates" the place and every one in authority, except Mr. Nash, and her appearance testifies to the truth of her statement. She is very thin and pale. The old vigorous, attractive Ada is gone. She is really pathetic with her thin face and "hollow eyes".

She would prefer coming to Langdon to anything else, but is radiantly happy over going to Cecilia's if Langdon is not possible. Mr. Nash thought she would not want to go to Cecilia, but he is mistaken. He also feels that Cecilia is not a desirable caretaker. It seems that she tried to arrange matters, direct, and had to be reminded that Vineland had dealings only with the Board in Ada's case, thus bringing about some uncomfortableness.

Mr. Nash says that, in consideration of Ada's

services in the Christmas entertainment no board will be charged after November 20th. You will, therefore pay for only one month of the present quarter (till Dec. 1st. instead of Feb. 1st.) The Board will, however be asked to pay the travelling expenses of Ada's escort, - a member of the staff, probably Miss. Nash, who will confer with Mrs. Coffin, if possible in the presence of her husband as intimates, & will lay upon her the responsibility of Ada. Mr. Nash, himself, would go, except for the law that no male escort shall conduct a moron from an institution to any other place of residence. The trip can easily be made in a day, so the expense should not exceed twelve or thirteen dollars. The trip will be made as soon as possible after the second presentation of the Christmas entertainment. Mr. Nash kindly explained that this should be about January first because this year Christmas came a whole week before New Years!!

We had a most interesting conversation about her "social rating of 27"; a new departure in tests. Twenty-two or under is normal, - twenty-eight or less worthy of a trial in the world. The larger the number the lower the rating!

It is almost train time so I send this and will write again if I think of anything else of vital importance.

Very sincerely,

Anna Belle Stewart.

Ada Walton.

December 2, 1921.

My dear Miss Stewart:

Thank you very much for your letter in regard to Ada Walton written from the Philadelphia railway station. The day after you left I had one from Mr. Nash which told me just about what he ofidently told you. I have written to our lawyer asking him just what points I should include in my letter to "Uncle Joe." I presume you have written to Mrs. Coffin but I shall write a note also.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

Superintendent of Field Work.

V/M

Ada Walton

December 2, 1921.

My dear Mrs. Coffin:

You probably heard from Miss Stewart after her visit to Vineland in regard to Ada's withdrawal from the institution. They are very anxious at Vineland to have her remain for the Christmas season in order to help with the festivities and Christmas program, but after that are willing that she should come to you. It will be necessary for an attendant from the institution to accompany Ada on the trip to New York, but I shall see that this is attended to. Mr. Nash writes that Ada can leave about the first of January but I shall let you know later the exact date of her coming to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

Mrs. Cecilia Coffin,
74 West 101st Street,
New York City.

V/M

Ada Walton

December 2, 1921.

Miss Torrence:

A letter has just come from Miss Stewart who at our request went to the Training School at Vineland New Jersey for a conference in regard to the withdrawal of Ada Walton. She took up with Mr. Nash the matter of the bill to us from Vineland of $100 for the quarter ending Feb. 1, 1922. Mr. Nash, the Superintendent, says that in consideration of Ada's services in the Christmas activities for which she will remain at Vineland until the first of January, no board will be charged our Board after November 30. We shall, therefore, have to pay for only one month of the present quarter. I am returning the bill. Will you see that this adjustment is made and the check sent at once?

The Board will, however, be asked to pay the traveling expenses of Ada's escort to New York - a member of the staff at Vineland. This we can take up later.

Superintendent of Field Work.

V/M

October 9, 1917.

Ada Franklin Walton

That the Treasurer be authorized to sign the obligation blank for the admission of Ada Franklin Walton of Langdon Memorial School, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, to the training school at Vineland, New Jersey, with the understanding that every effort will be made to secure the amount of $250. required for her support as a "Special", 400 and with the further understanding that steps will be taken to transfer this obligation to some proper organization in the State of Kentucky at the earliest possible date.

Voted that this recommendation be approved.

See Mr. Marvin & take action

~~upon the [illegible] of officers of Vineland~~
~~That~~ the Bd withdraw ~~Ada Walton~~
~~from the training school at Vineland~~
~~in order that she may~~ 9
notification to Vineland. If sister
assumes care

Memo. for Supt. C.E.Nash.

The School Department
Ans.
Date OCT 2 1921
Rec'd
By

Ada Walton has a mental level of between eleven and twelve years by both the Binet and Porteus tests. She can be classified as a dull normal, well adjusted to the institution but with some delinquent tendencies that might be a hindrance to her social success outside the institution.

Her social rating is now about 27 which puts her in the group of cases for whom a trial in the community is justifiable and advisable. This trial however, should be given only under constant supervision until social adjustment is achieved. Her worst traits are suggestibility moodiness and stubborness of disposition.

I would recommend that she be returned to the Home Mission Board who support her here with the suggestion that they endeavor to place her in a position, either in factory or domestic service. The latter would be preferable if a family who would take an interest in her welfare, could be found. In addition to this - for the first year of her parole, a social worker should be employed who would constantly overlook her progress and exercise a measure of control over her actions. If the society would spend for this purpose a sum equal to half the cost of her maintenance here, the experiment would have a very fair chance of success.

If her adjustment was unsatisfactory the question of her return to an institution would then be taken up. The experiment should however, be undertaken before the girl is twenty-one so that in the event of failure, provision could then be made for her more easily.

S.D.Porteus

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The School Department
Ans.
Date OCT 28 1921
Noted By

October 27, 1921.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
Superintendent of Field Work,
Woman's Board of Home Missions, of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,
1565 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

I hope you will pardon the delay in answering your letter of October 4th concerning Ada Walton. This was due to the absence of Professor Johnstone and our desire to get reports from all concerned regarding Ada to make sure we were advising correctly.

You will find appended report from Dr. Porteus as to his opinion of Ada at the present time and what he thinks should be done in her case. You will note, he recommends that she be given a trial in some family or factory, but fears this would not work out satisfactorily unless someone takes a special interest in her.

With us, Ada is doing better in every respect. She gives us practically no trouble and seems to be very happy. Lately she has been getting along especially well with both employees and children. I think very careful consideration should be given before any steps are taken to remove her. I am sure she would be very unhappy in any other institution and personally feel that if she goes from here, she should go into the world and try for herself. On the other hand, we do not feel she is sufficiently dull mentally to justify her remaining here for life. It may be if she remains with us a few months or even years longer, she would have more firmly established habits that would be of help to her in whatever position she might be placed outside. In any event, and in justice to her, she should, sooner or later, have a trial in the world, under very close supervision from someone personally interested. If it were possible for some member of your Board to come to Vineland, we might be able to work out some scheme that would be satisfactory.

We feel that cases of this kind are the most difficult to handle and need very serious consideration. When once a girl of her age gets a taste of the world, it is very hard for them to return and settle down again. Therefore, we must know we are right before a definite move is made.

CEN/bwj

Very truly yours,
C. Emerson Nash
Superintendent.

74 West 101st Street
New York
October 24, 1921

My dear Miss Stewart:-

I know this is rather late in the day to be writing this letter, but for many reasons it was impossible earlier.

I was ill all summer and we were so unsettled that we did not try to keep house. My husband wanted to feel settled in his work here before we took an apartment.

At last, however, we have

of the house. And at present, on account of the political campaign, it would be impossible for him to get away from the office. I had hoped by this time, to be strong enough to go to Vineland alone, but I am so easily fatigued that I should be afraid to attempt it and Mr. Coffin has positively forbidden it.

May I hope to hear from you soon?

Most sincerely yours,
Cecilia Walton Coffin

secured a small but comfortable apartment and feel that we can offer Ada a home with us. We had planned on it from the first, but as I said before, we haven't really felt settled until we came to New York. While we are still forced to manage on a much smaller income than we have had at any time since we were married, it is sufficient to fill our needs and include Ada also. Besides that my husband has his writing.

I expect to become a mother in March and consequently go out very little. My strength does not permit even the very smallest dissipation and I conserve it as much as possible for my ordeal in the Spring. I expect to go to a hospital at that time so it should make no difference about Ada's being here, I imagine.

If she comes to us, I hope it can be arranged without my travelling to Vineland. The fact is, it would be practically impossible. For months I have not gone more than a half dozen blocks from home alone because I could never tell when I would collapse. My husband goes everywhere with me except just to do the marketing within three blocks

November 23, 1921.

Miss Stewart:

Cecilia Walton Coffin's address is 74 West 101st Street, New York City. I have written Dr. C. Emerson Nash, Superintendent at Vineland and also to Mrs. Coffin that you will go to Vineland on Saturday to get Ada and take her for a few weeks visit to her sister. I explained to Dr. Nash that we were substituting this visit for a definite removal until we had time to communicate with Ada's legal guardian.

Superintendent of Field Work.

November 23, 1921.

Mrs. B. E. Coffin,
74 West 101st Street,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Coffin:

Miss Stewart has turned your letter of October 24 to her over to me, and I am today writing to the authorities at Vineland asking that when Miss Stewart calls there on Saturday she may take Ada from the school and bring her to you for a visit of several weeks. We are making the request for a visit in order that we may notify Ada's guardian before making the change actual removal. I am sure this arrangement will be perfectly satisfactory to you. Miss Stewart will explain further when she sees you.

We are all so happy here that Ada can come into your home.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent Of Field Work.

V/M

November 23, 1921.

Dr. C. Emerson Nash, Superintendent,
Training School,
Vineland, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Nash:

Thank you for your letter of October 27 giving us a report on Ada Walton, and the advice that she be given a trial outside the institution. A few days after the receipt of your report a letter was received from Ada's sister, Mrs. B. E. Coffin, who has just moved to New York and asks that Ada come to make her home with her. We feel that this would be a most happy solution of our problem of this unfortunate girl, for not only would the responsibility for her care rest with her family as it should, but she will be where we here at the office in New York can see her occisionally and note any changes.

We think, however, that Ada should not be definitely withdrawn from Vineland at the present time, but ask that you allow her to visit her sister in New York for a few weeks. During this period of her visit our office can get in touch with her guardian in Kentucky and definite arrangements made for her withdrawal from the institution.

I presume that such an arrangement will be perfectly satisfactory to the authorities at Vineland since once before Ada was allowed to visit her sister and since the suggestion that we try her out in the world comed from you. I am, therefore, asking Miss Anna Belle Stewart who placed Ada at Vineland to come for her on Saturday of this week. Should there be any objection to this plan will you kindly wire us at once.

I find that our Treasury has made no payment for the quarter ending February 1, 1922. Should Ada definitely withdraw about the fifteenth of December would there be any refund should the whole amount of $100. be paid at the present time? I will hold the bill until I hear from you.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

V/M

November 30, 1921.

My dear Mr. Marvin:

In 1917 a pupil from our Langdon Memorial School in Kentucky who had been found to be a high grade moron was placed by our Board at the Training School for mental defectives at Vineland, N. J. This girl had no parents, but a sister who was unable to care for her and an uncle her legal guardian who refused to take her into his home or otherwise care for her. Since 1917 the Woman's Board has with some aid from the Board of Sustentation and Relief paid the fees to keep this girl at the Vineland institution.

A report now comes from the superintendent at Vineland stating that Ada Walton has improved and suggesting that she bengiven a trial outside the institution. At the same time word has come from her sister who is now married asking that Ada be allowed to make her home with her in New York.

When I took the matter to the Board at its last meeting for action the question arose as to the power which the Board had to remove this girl of eighteen years of age from Vineland without the consent of her guardian. Mr. Joe Walton is an old mountaineer from whom it is difficult to extract replies to letters. Would a very simple letter stating his approval of the move we were making written by our office and sent to him to be signed meet the difficulties and if so, may I have from you such a letter or at least the points which I should incorporate.

Very sincerely yours,

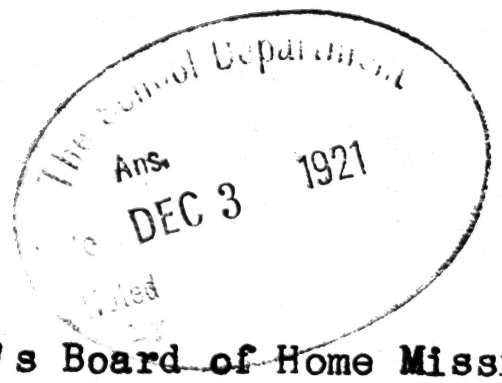
Superintendent of Field Work.

Mr. Arthur Marvin,
31 Nassau Street,
New York City
V/M

COOKE & MARVIN
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

HEDLEY V. COOKE
ARTHUR L. MARVIN

December 2nd, 1921.



Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City. Attention of Miss Voss.

Dear Miss Voss:

I have been thinking over your letter of November 30th regarding Ada Walton and am inclined to think that you should be sure of your ground with her legal guardian before she leaves your institution. I infer from your letter that the girl's uncle lives in Kentucky but do not know what steps, if any, he took at the time that the girl was put in your Langdon school or transferred to the school at Vineland. We must not make a mountain out of a molehill and at the same time if any accident should occur after the girl had gone with her sister, your institution would be criticized unless you had been properly authorized to let the girl go.

I will call you up on Monday and see if you have any information regarding the circumstances under which the girl was placed in your charge.

Very truly yours,

ALM KMT

Arthur L. Marvin

The School Department
Ans.
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VISITING DAY, WEDNESDAY

November 29, 1921.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
Superintendent of Field Work,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

In reply to your letter of November 23d and following our telegram of the 25th, Ada is taking an important part in our Christmas play and is now in the midst of rehersals, which was really the main reason for our asking you to allow her to defer her visit until after Christmas.

I am wondering if it is advisable to return Ada to her sister, Mrs. B. E. Coffin. In the first place, I understand the location of her home is in Greenwich Village, N. Y. Would the associations there be the best for Ada?

Ada has stated to some of our people that she hoped when she left here she would not have to go with her sister as her sister is continually humiliating her by making her feel she is not as bright as other girls.

Then too, I am wondering if Mrs. Coffin is of the right character to assume the responsibility of Ada. We are anxious to give Ada a chance but want this chance to be under the most favorable conditions, and if Mrs. Coffin is the right one, we will gladly suggest Ada going with her. Our thought had been that she might be placed in some good Presbyterian home where she could be closely followed by your Board.

Would it be possible for you or some representative of your Board to come to Vineland and talk the matter over before any definite action is taken?

Perhaps, it would be well to let Ada feel she is going out on probation and that if she does not make good, she will be returned to the Training School. The problem of our big girls is a serious one and can not be considered too carefully.

CEN/bwj

Yours very truly,

C. Emerson Nash

Superintendent.

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December 3, 1921.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
Superintendent of Field Work,
Woman's Board of Home Missions, of the
Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

You have probably heard from Miss Stewart by this time in regard to interview concerning Ada Walton on Wednesday.

I told her we should be glad to keep Ada from the first of December until early in January when she is placed in charge of her sister without further payments providing you will pay expenses incurred in taking her to New York. My thought is to send her up with one of our best women in order that she may impress upon the sister the necessity of close supervision and the dangers which Ada will encounter in a city like New York.

I find Ada is very anxious to go and I think will put forth every effort to succeed. Therefore, during the first few weeks, at least, there will be practically no danger as she will be anxious to do just the right thing and get into no trouble that might cause her return. It is the period following about which I am most concerned.

We will correspond with you as soon as a definite time for taking Ada to her sister's can be set.

Hoping for Ada's complete success, I am

CEN/bwj

Yours very truly,

C. Emerson Nash
Superintendent.

December 6, 1921.

My dear Mr. Nash:

Thank you for your letter of November 29, and also that of December 3 in regard to the withdrawal of Ada Walton from the Training School at Vineland. We shall look for a letter from you a little later stating the definite time for taking Ada to her sister. We shall be very glad indeed to take care of the expenses incurred in taking her to New York and shall appreciate your sending someone from Vineland who will meet Ada's sister, Mrs. Coffin, and press upon her the necessity of close supervision.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

Mr. C. Emerson Nash,
Training School,
Vineland, N. J.

V/M

Ada Walton

December 6, 1921.

Mr. Joe Walton,
Varilla, Kentucky.

My dear Mr. Walton:

As you have undoubtedly heard through your niece, Mrs. B. E. Coffin, it has been planned, now that Mrs. Coffin is to be located in New York and have a home of her own, that Ada should leave the Vineland Training School to live with her sister. We have written to Vineland and learned that Ada has very greatly improved and that they think it very desirable for her to make this change. She will remain at the school, however, until after the Christmas holidays since she is taking a very prominent part in the Christmas entertainment.

As you are Ada's guardian, we want to be sure that this plan meets with your approval. I am enclosing a statement which I shall very much appreciate having you sign and return to me.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

F/M

Encl.

Very important
don't lose whatever
you do —

Ada Walton

Varilla, Kentucky.

December 8, 1921.

My dear Miss Voss:

This is to notify you that I approve of the plan to allow my niece, Ada Walton, to leave the Training School at Vineland New Jersey to make her home with her sister Cecilia, Mrs. B. E. Coffin of 74 West 101st Street, New York City, and that I hereby authorize her withdrawal from the Vineland School.

Very sincerely yours,

J. H. Walton

Legal Guardian.

Miss Edna Voss,
Superintendent of Field Work,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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74 West 101 Street
New York City
December 7, 1921

Ada Walton

Miss Edna R. Voss
156 Fifth ave
New York.

My dear Miss Voss!-

Your letter of the second came as a distinct relief. I had not heard the reason Ada could not come to us as planned.

I can readily understand why they would want her to stay over Christmas. We are sorry that she cannot be here, but do not begrudge one out of many Christmases to which we can look forward. We hope she can be here by January 4 to help celebrate our first anniversary.

Very sincerely yours,
Cecilia Walton Coffin

Telephone: Riverside 3553 (Mrs. B. E.)

Ada Walter

January 4, 1922.

My dear Mrs. Coffin:

I have just had a note from Mr. C. Emerson Nash, Superintendent of The Training School at Vineland New Jersey, that he is sending Ada to you on January 10 with Miss Fallon, the Chief Clerk at Vineland.

I am sorry that I shall not be able to see Ada early after her coming to you but am leaving the office for a trip to Cuba and Porto Rico at the end of this week. You may be sure, however, that we do not mean to lose site of her and want her to drop into the office often to see us.

With best wishes for Ada's happiness and for your pleasure in having her with you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

Mrs. C. B. Coffin,
74 West 101st Street,
New York City.

V/M

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VISITING DAY, WEDNESDAY

Ada Weston

Ans. 1/4/22
JAN 4 1922

January 3, 1922.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
Woman's Board of Home Missions, Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

I am planning to have Ada returned to her sister on Tuesday, January 10th. Miss Fallon, who is our Chief Clerk, and has been here for a number of years, will accompany her. I want her to go over the matter thoroughly with Mrs. Coffin. I am also writing Mrs. Coffin to this effect. However, should suggest that you notify her so there will be no misunderstanding.

I hope Ada will get along nicely and that we will not regret placing her out in the world. These bright girls are our most serious problems. We shall be very much interested and hope to hear from Ada, Mrs. Coffin, or your Board. I presume you also will want to keep in touch with her.

Hoping for Ada's success and happiness, I am

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Yours very truly,

C. Emerson Nash
Superintendent.

Ada Walton

January 4, 1922.

Mr. C. Emerson Nash,
The Training School,
Vineland, New Jersey.

My dear Mr. Nash:

I am glad to learn that Ada Walton is to be brought to her sister on January 10. I shall notify Mrs. Coffin at once. You may be sure that our Board will keep in close touch with Ada, and I shall be glad to let you know from time to time how we find her.

If Miss Fallon will upon her return to Vineland send her expense account incurred in the trip to this office we shall see that it goes through the Treasury promptly.

May I here express not only personally, but for the Board, appreciation of all that has been done at Vineland for Ada.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

V/M

Adah Walton

Jan. 24, 1922.

My dear Miss Stewart:

This is just to notify you that Adah Walton has left Vineland and I presume she is with her sister at the present time. I have had no special word from either one but have simply received a bill for expenses connected with the trip from Vineland to New York. I knew that you would want to have this information promptly, however, so I am giving it to you on the basis of this bill.

Very sincerely yours,

Office Secretary.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.
G/L.

Ada Walton

Jan. 24, 1922.

Dr. Henry B. Master,s
423 Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Masters:

I am writing to notify you that Adah Walton, the daughter of the Reverend Frank Walton, who has been receiving a grant from the Board of Sustentation and who has for the past year been at the Vineland Training School owing to retarded mentality, is now leaving that institution to makerher home with her sister who is married and living in New York City. As our Board has felt responsibility for this girl we appreciate very much the aid which has been given by the Board of Ministerial Relief and we feel that now her sister should be able to take care of her and that aid from other sources will not be needed in the future.

Thanking you for your interest, I am

Very truly yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

G/L.

Ada Walton

Jan. 24, 1922.

Rev. Franklin Moore,
Richmond, Ky.

My dear Mr. Moore:

You have recently been very kind in your efforts to obtain a grant from the Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation for Adah Walton who was formerly a student in our Langdon Memorial School. You will, therefore, be interested to know that Adah has left the Vineland Training School where she has been for the past year and is to live with her sister in New York City. As her sister is married I believe that she ought to be able now to assume the responsibility for Adah and thus relieve this Board and the Board of Sustentation. We appreciate very much your efforts in her behalf.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

G/L.

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January twenty-fifth,
Nineteen twenty-two.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Miss Voss:

I have your favor of January 24th, concerning Miss Adah Walton, daughter of the late Rev. Frank Walton. At your request her name has been removed from our roll. Let me assure you that in this case, as in all others, our Board is only too happy to be of service to you and to those who are helping in your great task. Please do not hesitate to call upon us at any time in the future when similar cases require aid.

Cordially yours,

Henry B. Master

HBM:B

General Secretary.

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Langdon Memorial School
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Anna Belle Stewart — Principal

The School Department
Ans. 6/19/22
Date JUN 1 1922
Noted By

My dear Miss Voss:-

In December I turned in the entire balance of our fund for Ada Walton, with the promise of sending later any checks that should follow before the close of the year (March 31st.) Only two came so I enclose check for same, ($26.00). The checks that we expected in Feb. and March never came from the Board of Sustentation and Ministerial Relief.

I was surprised to learn this week that Ada is now in Philadelphia. She expressed great regret at not having found you on any of her three visits to your office.

Sincerely yours,

A. B. Stewart.

Ada Walton

June 19, 1922.

My dear Miss Stewart;

I was as surprised as you were to find that Ada Walton had gone to Philadelphia. While I was away attending General Assembly and visiting several of our stations her sister telephoned twice, but did not call at the office.

Do you mean that her sister has moved to Philadelphia, and if not, with whom is she now living?

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

Miss Anna Belle Stewart,
Langdon Memorial School,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

V/M

Ada Walton

February 1, 1923.

My dear Ada:

I was very glad to hear of you through Miss Stewart in a letter received recently. Are you still waiting on table at Girard College and what are your plans for the rest of this winter? I hope you will write to me. You must remember that we are still very much interested in you and what you are doing.

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

Miss Ada Walton,
Girard College,
Building No. 8,
Philadelphia, Pa.

V/M

Ada Walton

September 12, 1922.

My dear Miss Stewart:

What is the latest from Ada Walton? Can you send me her address in Philadelphia as you know I am anxious to keep in touch with her?

Very sincerely yours,

V/M

Superintendent of Field Work.

Hope you will find time to
write to me soon

Sincerely Adm.

Girard College
Philadelphia Pa.
April 22, 1923

4/23/23

Ada Stratton

Dear Miss Voss:-

For some time I have intended writing to you but not knowing just what to say I have put it off until now. I am still doing the same work and there isn't any thing interesting about that to tell. I am searching the paper Every Evening hoping to find some other work I have

not been at all well for some time So I think the sooner I make a change the better.

Cecilia and the baby are fine. baby is a great big fellow now he can walk and talk a little he certainly is the most adoreable child I have ever seen.

I had a card from Miss Stewart at Easter time and guess I will write to her soon. [redacted] the Langdon girls are preparing for Commencement Exercises.

The small children have had morning pictures Past Evening also the good night Stories on the Radio, they certainly do enjoy it.

One of my best friends here is leaving next week to be waiting at a Hotel in the mountains this Summer I surely hate to see her go.

It is getting late and I have to get up early in the morning So will say good night

Ada Walton

April 23, 1923.

My dear Ada:

Your letter received this morning was very welcome. I am sorry you are not enjoying your work at Girard College, and hope that the chan e which you are planning will bring a more satisfactory opening.

Did Miss Stewart tell you in her Easter card to you they they are hoping to have a new building at Langdon? One that can be used for pbxypand entertainments and general gatherings. We have not enough money for it yet, so it may be sometime before it is built but I think all Langdon is eagerly planning.

Please remember me to your sister and tell her that I am sorry she never got downtown in New York as far as 20th Street to show me that baby.

With love,

Very sincerely yours,

Superintendent of Field Work.

Miss Ada Walton,
Girard College,
Philadelphia, Pa.

V/M